

District Administration Srinagar organises Conclave of War Veterans

DC Srinagar felicitates 75 War Veterans/ex-servicemen/war widows

SRINAGAR AUGUST 13:- To acknowledge the services and contributions of War veterans and ex-Servicemen, prominent citizens who have rendered distinguished services in nation building activities, the District Administration Srinagar Saturday organized a Conclave and felicitation programme under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav here at Banquet Hall.

The felicitation programme was presided over by the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad who awarded the Commendation Certificates to 75 War Veterans, Ex-servicemen, war widows to mark 75 years of independence.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said the event was aimed to praise and acknowledge the sacrifices of people who have taken part in 1962, 1971 and Kargil wars.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner, who is also the president Zila Sainik Board, Srinagar asked the officer bearers of the Board to start preparations regarding publication of half yearly Magazine to showcase the stories of ex-servicemen for the inspiration of other people.

On the occasion, the DC also lauded the contribution of sportspersons who have played Nationals/Internationals and held Flag of the country high.

Earlier, DC held a one to one interaction with the participants who shared their experiences and memories during various battles they have fought.

During the programme, the participants extended their gratitude to the District Administration Srinagar for recognizing and appreciating their contribution for the first time.

Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Yaseen Lone, Youth Services & Sports Officer, Balbir Singh, District Social Welfare Officer, Dr Mukhtar, and other concerned were also present on the occasion.



to defend boundaries of the country.

The DC praised the sacrifices of the martyrs and ex-servicemen who have displayed exemplary courage to protect the dignity of the nation and at the same time appreciated the indomitable courage and brevity of participants (war-widows).



Northern Army Commander, Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi felicitates Editor Gadyal and four other civilians at headquarters of 15 Corps for the efforts undertaken by them in promoting peace, happiness and empowerment initiatives through various endeavours, on Saturday. UNI

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER & B DIVISION SOPORE

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Fresh NIT No-106 of RnB-Sopore of 2022-2023 e-tendering DATED 12.08.2022.

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K, e-tenders (in Single Cover System) are invited on Percentage basis from approved eligible contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:

S.No.	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/DOC (In Rupees)	E/Money	Time for completion of work	Time & Date of Opening of Bid	Class of Contractor	M.Hof Account
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
01	Construction of p.cement conc. Drain from PHE store to H/O Ab. Aziz Dar at MET Sopore (Balance portion)	3.00 lacs	200/-	6000/-	15 days	23.08.2022	DEE	3054 M&R

Position of funds: Available

Position of A.A.A.: Accorded

1. The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the schedule of dates given below:

1.	Date of issue of tender Notice	12.08.2022	
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	12.08.2022	22.8.2022 (upto 4.PM)
3.	Bid Submission start date	12.08.2022	
4.	Bid submission End date	22.08.2022 (4.00 PM)	
5.	Date and time of opening of bids (online)	23.08.2022 (12.30 PM) in the office of the Ex. Engineer R&B Sopore	

1. Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan /CDR (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H.0059 in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division, Sopore (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document.

3. At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore. Besides that, the successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 3% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 3% of the total cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.

3(b) Geotech Photographs Minimum 03 sets (01 set Comprising of Photograph before, during and after execution of work) of size 26 cm x 21 cm to be provided.

DIPK-8003/22

Executive Engineer,
R&B Division Sopore

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION BARAMULLA

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

e-NIT No:- 75/5580-89/2022-23/RnB/Bla Dated 10.08.2022

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders (In Single Cover System) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors Regd. With J&K UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Earnest money. (In Rs.)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rs.)	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account	Position of AAA	Position of funds
1.	Construction of temporary parking area within the premises of Court Complex Baramulla	1.57	3200/-	200/-	15 days	DEE	MH-2216-M&R	Accorded	Available
2.	Construction of cement concrete covered drain in the premises of Govt. Polytechnic College at Kanispora Baramulla	21.00	42000/-	800/-	40 days	B & C	Capex Budget	Accorded	Available
3.	Construction of cement concrete covered Drain near Bridge at Deewanbagh Baramulla	15.02	30100/-	800/-	40 days	B & C	MH-4059-UT Sector	Accorded	Available

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1	Date of issue of tender Notice	10.08.2022
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 12.08.2022 to 24.08.2022 4:00PM
3	Bid submission Start date	12.08.2022
4	Bid Submission End Date	24.08.2022 upto 4:00PM
5	Date and time of Opening of Bids (Online)	25.08.2022 upto 11:00AM in the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla

2. Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 mentioning therein the name of work/ NIT No. in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document.

3. At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla. Besides that, the successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 3% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 3% of the total cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.

4. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site at the office of the Executive Engineer, R&B Division Baramulla.

5. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids.

6. The bidder shall be debarred for tendering process if:-

a) Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.

b) Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.

c) Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

7. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

7.1. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in into acquaint bid submission process.

7.2. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.

7.3. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.

7.4. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.

7.5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid. Besides, original documents related to bid be submitted physically by the bidder who is declared as L1 immediately after opening of financial bid.

7.6. Bidder shall upload a Self-Certified Performance declaration (Annexed format) in support of performance in respect of Works executed/ under execution by the agency during the year 2021-22

7.7. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of necessary documents in terms of soft copies with the technical bid & no documents in terms of hard copies shall be entertained. However, in case of any clarification, the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.

DIPK-7943/22

Dated 10.08.2022

Executive Engineer
R&B Division Baramulla

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for registration of my residential house located at village Dandmooha under home stay/paying Guest House Scheme to facilitate Tourist trade vide order no 89-jk(TSM) of 2022 of Department of Tourism Jk. if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his /her objection in department of tourism or Assistant Director Tourism office Gulmarg within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice after that no objection shall be entertained.

Name .Ajaz ahmad Lone
S/o Late Abdul Ahad Lone
R/o..Dandmooha Tehsil Kreeri Distt. Baramulla

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Shabir Ahmad Rather
S/O Mohammad Kamal Rather
R/O Dandmooha Tehsil Kreeri Distt. Baramulla

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FAYAZ AHMAD LONE
S/O HABIBULLAH LONE
R/O Dandmooha Tehsil Kreeri Distt. Baramulla

Public Notice

It is notified for the general public that my actual name is Seema Rashid Wani, D/o. Ab Rashid Wani R/o. Waripora Handwara but unfortunately due system error in my Birth certificate (Hospital) my name marks as Insha Rashid insted of Seema Rashid which is totally different from my actual data. In this regard I'm going to approach for correction concern office. If anybody having any objection he/she may can approach concern office with in 7days from the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be entertained.

From,
Seema Rashid Wani,
D/o. Ab Rashid Wani
R/o. Waripora Handwara

Heroine Recovered By Surankote Police

KAMRAN ALI KAZMI

SURANKOTE:-The menace of drugs among the youth is spreading at an alarming rate which is among the greatest causes of concern. In order to free the society of such heinous societal crimes, a special drive have been launched by Poonch Police against the drug abuse.

Carrying forward the special drive, today on the directions of SSP Poonch Rohit Baskotra (JKPS) A Police party led by SHO Surankote Rajveer Singh Accompanied By PSI Rohit Mammar under the supervision of DYSP Surankote Mr Tanveer Jeelani under close supervision of Adil SP Mushim Ahmed Patrolling Duty At Madana When Reached At Dhundak Bridge One Maruti Car Bearing Registration Number JK02AH 5155 Signal to Stop to conduct the checking of vehicles During checking The Maruti Car which was on its way from Surankote Towards Madana was signalled to stop for checking. On thorough search of the vehicle, recovered 3 Plastic bags filled with Heroine (Chitta) like substances weighing Near about 20 to 24 grams from both of the empty compartment of the maruti, the new modous operandi how to smuggle the contraband. The said vehicle has been seized.

In this regard case FIR No 252 253/2022 U/S 8 /15/21/22 /25/27A of NDPS act stands registered against the accused persons Namely Aquib Javed S/O Fiaz Akhter R/O Surankote Tehsil Surankote, Sajad S/O Muzzafar Hussain R/O Seri Khawaja investigation has been geared up to ascertain the source & other persons involved in smuggling of contraband.

Poonch Police is not leaving any stone unturned to curb drug smuggling & public in general is requested to co-operate & strengthen the hands of Poonch Police to weed out the social evils from the society.

It is pertinent to mention here that different nakas have been established at different locations by police to check any type of unlawful activities.

Public Notice

It is notified for the general public that my actual name is Ishaq Ahmad Bhat S/o. Mohd Hayat Bhat Kabir, R/o. Turkapora, but unfortunately due system error in my driving licence No. JK0920120068574/DI my name marks as Ishaq Ahmad Bhat insted of Ishaq Ahmad Bhat which is totally different from my actual data. In this regard I'm going to approach for correction in RTO Kupwara. if anybody having any objection he/she may can approach RTO concern with in 7days from the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be entertained.

By,
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S/o. Mohd Hayat Bhat Kabir
R/o. Turkapora

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (I&FC) Division Sopore

e-tender

Short Term e-NIT No:13 of 2022-23 Dated: - 10-08-2022

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, e-Tenders on item rate basis are invited from approved and eligible contractors registered with Jammu and Kashmir UT Government, for the works listed in Annexure "A" to this NIT.

The NIT consisting of Qualifying information, eligibility criteria specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website: -www.jktenders.gov.in

1.	Publishing Date	11/08/2022
2.	Download Date Start	11/08/2022
3.	Tender Submission date Start	11/08/2022
4.	Tender Submission date Ends	19/08/2022 (Upto 06:00 P.M)
5.	Date of Opening	20/08/2022 (at 10:00 A.M)

Position of funds: Available

Position of A.A.A.: Accorded

Position of T. S.: Assured

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. Tenders must be accompanied with cost of tender document in the shape of Treasury Challan/receipt in favour of Executive Engineer, Jal-Shakti (I&FC) Division Sopore.

2. The Tenders for the works shall remain valid for a period of 90 (Ninety) days from the date of opening of Tenders.

3. The Tenders shall be deposited in electronic format on the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in

4. The Tender uploaded on the website up to due date and time will be opened on the schedule date and time or any other date convenient to the tender opening authority.

5. The tenderer shall have to execute the agreement within 10-days after fixation of contract.

6. Instruction to Tenderer regarding E-Tendering process:-

a) Tenderers are advised to download Tender submission manual from the "downloads" option as well as from "Tenderers manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in into acquaint Tenders submission process.

b) To participate in tendering process Tenderers have to get digital signature certificate (DSC) as per information technology act. 2000 Tenderers can get digital certificate from approved vendor.

c) The Tenderer have to submit their Tenders online in electronic format with digital signature. No financial Tender will be accepted in physical form.

d) Tender will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.

e) Tenderers must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents like Registration Card duly renewed, Verification of Registration Card, Call Deposit Receipt, PAN, G. S. Tin, Latest GST Return & Treasury challan/receipt under MH 0702 in respect of Irrigation & Flood Control Works, in respect of each work as mentioned in the NIT in addition to other formalities in vogue.

DIPK-7902/22

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti (I&FC) Division
Sopore

Full Dress Rehearsal held at Kupwara

ADC Kupwara hoists tricolour at DPL Kupwara, sub divisional functions also held

KUPWARA, AUGUST 13: Full Dress Rehearsal for 76th Independence Day celebration was today held here at District Police Lines Kupwara. The Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Kupwara, Ghulam Nabi Bhat hoisted the National Flag and took salute on March-past presented by contingents of JKP, IRP, CRPF, FPP, JK Home Guards, Police Commandos and school children.

ASP Kupwara, ACD, ACP, CEO, CMO, DYS&SO DIO, besides, District officers and officials were present on the occasion.

Addressing the function, the ADC congratulated the audience on the eve of celebration of 76th Independence Day, ‘Azadi Ka Amrut Mahaotsav’. He highlighted the historical background and remembered the heroes of the freedom struggle of India. He said that District Administration is committed for holistic development and enlisted the developmental activities and achievements. He said Rs.1598 crore CAPEX Budget has been approved for current year which is double than previous year’s budget. He said 250 km road length is being macadamized adding taht Baramulla-Kupwara-Chowkibal national highway is under construction at a cost of Rs. 2370 crore through BEACON. He said Bangus road is under construction at a cost of Rs.39 crore and work is in full swing on construction of Tumina, Kantpora, Hatmulla and Kunan bridges.

ADC said Rs.105.72 crore is being expended under Area Development Fund during current financial year to develop basic infrastructure for the prosperity of rural people. He said administration is bringing utmost transparency in the tendering process adding that over 10000 contractor cards have been issued so far.

Ghulam Nabi Bhat said that Health sector has improved to a greater extend. During current year, 400 surgeries have been performed at SDH Kupwara in coordination with Rotary International. He said MBBS classes shall be started this year at GMC Handwara which is coming up at a cost of Rs.255 crore. He said District Kupwara is an Aspirational District adding that NITI AYOg has granted additional Rs.3 crore to the district this year. While as, Union Health Ministry has awarded Gold Medal to Health Department for best work in TB eradication in the district. He said Bangus is developing as an unexplored tourist destination which has witnessed about 10000 tourist footfall this year.

The ADC said COVID-19 is again emerging and urged general public to adopt Covid Appropriate Behaviour and ensure usage of masks.

Earlier, on his arrival, the ADC visited the Martyrs’ Memorial and laid flowers there.

Later, various colourful cultural variety programmes were presented by students from different schools on the occasion. Lezium, Mass PT and Human Pyramid were also presented.

Full dress rehearsal functions were also held at Handwara, Karnah and Sogam sub divisions.

At DPL Handwara, ADC Handwara, Nazir Ahmad Mir hoisted the National Flag and took salute on March past. Cultural programmes were also held on the occasion.

At Karnah, SDM, Dr.Gulzar Ahmad Rather hoisted the tricolour and took salute on March past. Cultural programmes were also held on the occasion.

At Sogam, Tehsildar hoisted the National Flag GDC Sogam. Cultural programmes were also presented on the occasion.

Tiranga rallies were also held in various areas of Kupwara district.

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Full dress rehearsal for forthcoming Independence day was held at DPL Kulgam

Farooq Rather

Kulgam : August 13, 2022

Full dress rehearsal of the Independence Day celebrations 2022 was held at DPL Kulgam, where Senior officers inspected the parade and witnessed the presentation of the cultural programme prepared by the cultural clubs and students for the celebration of the National event. During the rehearsal ADDC Kulgam Shri Reyaz Ahmad Sofi-JKAS alongwith Addl.SP NHW Qazigund, Kulgam Shri Majid Malik-JKPS hoisted the national flag and inspected the parade at DPL Kulgam and also took the salute at the march past comprising contingents of CRPF, District Police, Armed, Lady Police , NCC and students. DySP HQR Kulgam, DySP DAR Kulgam, DySP PC

kulgam and other officers of Police and Civil administration were also present on the occasion. The parade was commanded by Shri Arif Hussain Malik-JKPS (DySP PC Hatipora). The march past was followed by colourful cultural programme presented by the cultural clubs and students of various institutions. Full dress rehearsal of the Independence Day celebrations 2022 was held at DPL Kulgam, where Senior officers inspected the parade and witnessed the presentation of the cultural programme prepared by the cultural clubs and students for the celebration of the National.



DDC Chairperson Gbl unfurls tricolor at DDC Office

GANDERBAL, AUGUST 13: The District Development Council (DDC) Chairperson, Ganderbal, Nuzhat Ishfaq today unfurled tricolor in presence of Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Shyambir within the premises of DDC Office Dumikadal, here.

DDC Vice Chairman, DDC members, BDC, Sarpanchs and Panchs, and Civil Society members were also present on the occasion.

After unfurling the tricolor, the national anthem was sung by the DDC Chairperson along with all participants present on the occasion.

“Am really proud to have taken part in the ‘Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav,’ and the initiative will certainly help to strengthen the love for the country,” said the DDC Chairperson Ganderbal.

She appealed to all citizens to hoist the tricolour at their homes and celebrate the spirit of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav with full fervour and patriotism.

Meanwhile, DDC Chairperson along with DC Ganderbal inspected the building being constructed for Residential Accommodation for PRIs/ Protected persons. The District Development Council (DDC) Chairperson, Ganderbal, Nuzhat Ishfaq today unfurled tricolor in presence of Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Shyambir within the premises of DDC Office Dumikadal, here.

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‘Har Ghar Tiranga’ campaign continues at Bandipora

More than 8k participate in an impressive Tiranga Rally held at Hajin

BANDIPORA, AUGUST 13: In continuation to ‘Har Ghar Tiranga’ campaign under the aegis of ‘Azadi ka Amrit Mahaotsav’ an impressive Tiranga Rally was today held at Army Goodwill School Hajin.

The Mega Tiranga Rally was attended by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed, SSP Bandipora Mohd Zahid, SDM Sumbal Dr. Bashir Lone, Chairman MC Hajin, Padma Sharee Faisal Ali Dar and officers from sub divisional Administration Sumbal.

More than 8000 students, youth volunteers besides the general public actively participated in the

Grand Tiranga Rally. Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that

‘Tiranga’ is a symbol of national pride for every Indian. To further hon-

our our national flag, a very appreciative campaign ‘Har Ghar Tiranga’ under the aegis of ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’ has been launched.

He said the ‘Har Ghar Tiranga’ campaign encourages people to bring and hoist Tiranga at home marking the 75th year of India’s independence.

The DC appreciated the efforts of school children for remaining on forefront with District Administration in Har Ghar Tiranga campaign and also congratulated all the participants and organisers of Har Ghar Tiranga campaign across the District.



National Lok Adalat held across Kupwara district

KUPWARA, AUGUST 13: National Lok Adalat headquarter which was presided over by Muzamil Wani, Secretary DLSA Kupwara in which a total of 1716 pre-litigation matters were taken up and 1604 settled on spot. Separate benches were constituted at Handwara, Trehgam, Sogam and Tangdar, each bench presided over by judicial and revenue officers together in which various cases of Revenue Courts were also taken up in the lok adalat. Out of the total cases taken up, 3893 cases of various nature were settled on spot by amicable means with the intervention of benches and participating advocates which resulted in settlement of Rs. 14987818 worth motor accident claims as well from the bench Presided by Tasleem Arief (Pr. District & Sessions Judge Kupwara). Besides a total of Rs. 14796518 was realized in recovery cases and Rs. 191300 realized as compensation and fine.

Apart from litigant public, officers of civil administration, various banks, Insurance Companies, members of Bar, police and prosecution participated in the National Lok adalat which was organised through hybrid mode of physical and virtual simultaneously, so as to negotiate the risks of COVID-19 without compromising upon the productivity of the lok adalat. Overall substantial number of cases was settled and public at large received instant relief from their litigations and participants appreciated the arrangements of District Legal Services Authority in the National Lok adalat which came as a huge relief to public at large since courts have been functioning on virtual mode for some time now for fear of spread of COVID-19. Pr. District & Sessions Judge thanked the participants particularly the representatives of Bank, Insurance Companies and Members of Bar. Apart from litigant public, officers of civil administration, various banks, Insurance Companies, members of Bar, police and prosecution participated in the National Lok adalat which was organised through hybrid mode of physical and virtual simultaneously, so as to negotiate the risks of COVID-19 without compromising upon the productivity of the lok adalat. Overall substantial number of cases was settled and public at large received instant relief from their litigations and participants.

was today organised across District Kupwara under the instructions of National Legal Services Authority of India and under immediate supervision of JK legal Services Authority.

A total of Nine benches were constituted by chairman DLSA, Tasleem Arief, (Principal District & Sessions Judge Kupwara) for taking up a total of 4544 cases of various nature including civil, matrimonial, maintenance, domestic violence, recovery of money or loan, Motor accident compensation, Revenue, Criminal Compoundable and Cheque bounce cases etc across court complexes of District Kupwara.

The Pr. District & Sessions Judge himself presided over a bench at District Court Complex along with Additional District Judge, Javid Ahmed Geelani as member. Whereas three other benches were constituted at district headquarter, one of which was presided by Sub-Judge, Rajiv Tadyal along with Bar President Kupwara as member and Munsiff JMIC Kupwara respectively.

A separate bench was constituted for pre-litigation and public utility matters at district



Mission Amrit Sarovar: DDC Anantnag inaugurates ponds at Qulam Chinar & Badasgam

ANANTNAG AUGUST 13: As part of the “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the District Development Commissioner (DDC), Anantnag, Dr Piyush Singla today inaugurated two ponds at Doru Shahabad subdivision.

DDC Member, Doru Shahbad; ACD Anantnag, BDO Shahabad and other PRIs were also present on the occasion.

These ponds, one at Qulam Chinar and another at Badasgam in Block Shahbad under Mission Amrit Sarovar for preserving the natural water bodies were renovated by RDD’s Block Office Shahbad, Doru.

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On the occasion, students presented the National Anthem. As part of the “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the District Development Commissioner (DDC), Anantnag, Dr Piyush Singla today inaugurated two ponds at Doru Shahabad subdivision.

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Mega Tiranga rally held at mini-secretariat Kulgam

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KULGAM, AUGUST 13: Under the banner of ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’, a grand celebration with a Tiranga rally was today held at the mini-secretariat, here. The function was presided over by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat and was tended by thousands of students, youth and others. The participants were seen enthusiastically holding tiranga in their hands and the surroundings reverberated with patriotic slogans and songs. Meanwhile tiranga rallies were also held in other parts of the district. Employees of various line departments and institutions across the district also participated in tiranga rallies.



NIT Srinagar organizes Tiranga rally, essay competition under Har Ghar Tiranga campaign

Srinagar, Aug 13, 2022: Under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and in a run-up to the nation’s 75th Independence Day, the Department of Physical Education, National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar on Saturday organized ‘Tiranga Rally’ which was participated by hundreds of faculty members and students. The rally was flagged off by Director NIT Srinagar, Prof (Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal, in presence of Registrar Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari, Dean R&C Prof. MF Wani along with all Deans, HoD’s, and faculty members. The rally covered a distance around the campus. More than 1000 participants, including teachers and non-teaching staff and students of NIT Srinagar, took part in the rally. On the occasion, Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. Sehgal said the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign of the Government of In-



dia to encourage people to bring the Tiranga home and to hoist it to mark the 75th year of India’s independence. “We should continue to participate in such campaigns in the next coming years,” he said. The director said that the NIT administration has already distributed the national flags to students, and

faculty members as part of Har Ghar Tiranga campaign. Prof. Sehgal said the rally has undoubtedly strengthened the spirit of patriotism and nationalism among the students. He said the idea behind the initiative is to invoke a feeling of patriotism among students and to promote awareness about the Indian National Flag. On the occasion, Registrar NIT Srinagar, Prof. Bukhari said the rally was organized to promote the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign and to raise awareness regarding the struggle of national heroes and freedom fighters of India. He said NIT is organizing multifarious activities to amplify the awareness of Har Ghar Tiranga campaign under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Besides that, an awareness campaign was conducted in campus to make Har Ghar Tiranga program a grand success.

Har Ghar Tiranga: Distt Admin Shopian organises Mega Tiranga Rally

SHOPIAN, AUGUST 13: The District Administration Shopian today held a massive rally in Main Town Shopian under 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign being celebrated under the aegis of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

The rally that was led by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vashiya and Senior Superintendent of Police Shopian, Tanushree commenced from Jamia Masjid market and traversed around the Clock Tower area, at the centre of the Town.

All the District/Sectoral officers and hundreds of employees from various departments participated in the Tiranga Rally with tricolour in their hands along with social activists, civil society members, transporters and public. People chanting slogans of Har Ghar Tiranga and

patriotic songs reverberated through the town during the rally.

'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign was launched to encourage Indians worldwide to hoist the National flag on their homes between 13 to 15 August. This campaign will serve as a reminder to citizens' dedication to nation-building ahead of the 76th year of Independence. Its main goal is to inculcate a sense of patriotism in the hearts of citizens and raise awareness about the importance of the National Flag. 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign was launched to encourage Indians worldwide to hoist the National flag on their homes between 13 to 15 August. This campaign will serve as a reminder to citizens' dedication to nation-building ahead of the 76th year of Independence. Its main goal is to inculcate.

Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav: 75 feet high Tiranga hoisted at DC office Anantnag

ANANTNAG, AUGUST 13: Under the aegis of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and to give boost to the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, the DDC Chairperson Mohd Yousuf Gors; MC President, Hilal Ahmad Shah; DDC Anantnag Dr. Piyush Singla; SSP Ashish Mishra today jointly hoisted and unfurled the National flag in DC office premises, here.

President MC Anantnag, Hilal Ahmad Shah, ACR, ACD, and other district officers were present also. It is pertinent to mention here that a Mega Tiranga of 75 feet high was hoisted on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Singla said that this day shall stand as of historic importance as the whole nation is hoisting the Trianga on their homes. He also congratulated people on the eve of Independence Day.

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SSP spoke on the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign and importance of National Symbols. President MC

Anantnag also shared his views.

Significance of the National Flag was also highlighted by the speakers. Under the aegis of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and to give boost to the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, the DDC Chairperson Mohd Yousuf Gors; MC President, Hilal Ahmad Shah; DDC Anantnag Dr. Piyush Singla; SSP Ashish Mish-

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Director Agri Kmr reviews preparedness for celebration of 'Independence Day' in the Department

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 13: On the eve of upcoming 76th Independence Day, the Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal today reviewed the preparedness for the celebration of Independence Day.

On the occasion, the Director gave on spot directions to the concerned agriculture officers to unfurl the National Flag on each and every office of the Agriculture Department in Kashmir.

While interacting with the officers, Iqbal said that all the officers of Agriculture Department in Kashmir Division should attend the Independence Day celebrations in their respective offices and then should attend the general District Administration function.

Later Director Agriculture Kashmir visited Potato Seed Development Farm (PSDF) Kalnag located at 8500 m.a.s.l elevation in Kashmir and conducted a meeting with the officer in-charge and applauded his work.

The Director was accompanied by Division Seed Certification Officer Kashmir Sheikh Imran, District Agriculture Officer Extension Anantnag Malik Riyaz, Officer Incharge Farm Bilal Ahmd Mantoo, Agriculture Extension Assistant and other officers of the Department. While interacting with the officers, Iqbal said that all the officers of Agriculture Department in Kashmir Division should attend the Independence Day celebrations in their respective offices and then should attend the general District Administration function.

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SP College, AIDS Control Society celebrate 'International Youth Day'

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 13: The Red Ribbon Club of Sri Pratap College, Srinagar in collaboration with J&K AIDS Control Society today organised a daylong programme to celebrate 'International Youth Day'.

The programme started with college tarana followed by a welcome address by the Principal of the college Prof. (Dr.) Khurshid Ahmad Khan.

The principal encouraged students to acquire multidisciplinary knowledge, as is also required under National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, to become fully equipped to tackle the challenges of life.

On the occasion all the participants took a pledge to make the society drug abuse free.

Prof. Syed Gulzar Ahmad (convenor Red Ribbon Club S. P. College Sgr) gave a comprehensive introduction to the origin, history and relevance of the International Youth Day.



Lectures on different themes were delivered by Sanjeev Rana (Additional Secretary, J & K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages); Dr. Tabassum Jabeen (Deputy Director, JKACS); Dr. Javaid Ah-

mad Dar (Sr. Assistant Professor Political Science, University of Kashmir, Srinagar); Dr. Nisar Ahmad Wani (Associate Professor Psychology, Higher Education Dept J&K); Prof. Javaria Khur-

shid (Assistant Prof. English, S. P. College Sgr); Dr. Suhail Ahmad (Dept of Physics, S. P. College, Sgr); Seeman Fatima (Student) and Hareem Farooq (student).

Sanjeev Rana gave highlights of the NRP- 2020 and explained how it has expanded the horizon of higher education by including skill oriented and vocational courses and by providing multiple entry and exits. Dr. Tabassum Jabeen, emphasized that it is essential to accomplish the full potential of our youth for attaining sustainable development goals.

She appreciated the Red Ribbon Club of S. P. College, Srinagar for being active and organising a series of programmes to celebrate the International Youth Day.

On the occasion the winners of different competitions and members of Red Ribbon Club were felicitated by Prof. Bashir Ahmad Mir (Dean Academics S. P. College Sgr) and Dr. Jan Shabir Ahmad (HoD Physics, S. P. College Sgr).

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav CUK VC felicitate winners of competitions organised by departments

Ganderbal, Aug 13: Central University of Kashmir (CUK) Vice Chancellor, Prof. Farooq Ahmad Shah Saturday hailed the teaching departments and administrative sections for successfully conducting 50 different events/activities across all the university campuses to celebrate 75 years of Independence and commemorate it as Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav.

"The students, research scholars, faculty members and administrative staff participated in all the activities with full zeal and zest," Prof. Farooq Ahmad Shah said during the felicitation ceremony organised by the Directorate of Students Welfare (DSW) to felicitate the winners of

different competitions organised during the weeklong celebrations and to honour the meritorious students of the nine Schools, for the academic year, 2021. He said the students and staff members have been forthcoming for participation in all the activities.

Addressing the gathering, Registrar, Prof. M Afzal Zargar, said the events conducted by the teaching departments during the Mahotsav have provided a suitable platform to the research scholars and students to exhibit their hidden talent. "Winning and losing is part of life, but what is important is participating in the competitions," Prof. Zargar said and asked the departments to con-

tinue holding events wherein students can showcase their latent talent.

Speaking on the occasion, Finance Officer, Prof. Fayaz Ahmad Nikka said, the university remained abuzz with the multifarious activities conducted by all the teaching departments. He said that all the events provided a platform to the students to demonstrate their strengths.

Controller of Examinations, Prof. Farooq Ahmad Mir, congratulated the winners and asked them to carry forward the winning streak in all the spheres of life.

Dean Students Welfare, Dr. Mehraj ud Din Shah in his speech said, that out of 50 events organised by the university,

Bus stop in Qazigund NH44 turns shelter for Trucks

Farooq Rather

Kulgam, 13-Aug: Shopkeepers and people living around Drenan Daulatabad bus stop area of Qazigund and its adjoining areas in south Kashmir's Kulgam district are facing hardships due occupation of stop by trucks and other vehicles. Locals of Panzath, Vanpora, ykpora, shempora an adjoining areas around bus stop have expressed their anguish over the concerned department's working and said that the latter should be held responsible for any hazard. As claimed by some commuters and drivers, the area occupied by illegal vehicles is responsible for traffic congestion in the area. One of the shopkeepers from the bus stop area said that they have suffered huge loss in business because of the randomly occupied space in front of shops leaving no space for the movement of pedestrians particularly tourists as they are unable to stop at the said spot. A daily commuter who also works at the shop in bus stop, asked, "Why are the authorities not bothered about the bus stop premises being occupied by such vehicles? These trucks are lying at the stop for the pretty long time then why haven't the necessary steps been taken yet?" The general public in general and the Shop keepers in particular appeal the IGP traffic kashmir to take immediate steps for the grievance, so that the general public and the tourists may not suffer anymore as the Bus Stop is meant for safe journey of passengers and tourists.

SDM, Noorabad conducts visit to SDH Dhpora

Farooq Rather

Kulgam, 13-Aug: In view of pouring complaints regarding cleanliness inside the Sub district hospital building and that the condition of toilets and to take stock of healthcare facilities being provided to the patients, the Sub Divisional Magistrate Bashirul Hassan (JKAS) today paid a visit to Sub District Hospital D H Pora. During the visit, the SDM inspected the wards and sections of the hospital. While interacting with the employees, he stressed on working with utmost dedication and honesty to meet the expectations of the people visiting their offices.

The SDM, directed the hospital administration to maintain complete hygiene in and around the hospital and provide better Medicare facilities to the patients.

National Lok Adalat held in Kulgam

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, AUGUST 13: A National Lok Adalat was today held at District Court Complex Kulgam, under the chairmanship of Pr. District & Sessions Judge Kulgam, Tahir Khurshid Raina (Chairman District Legal Services Authority Kulgam).

A total of five benches were constituted, four at Head quarter and one each at D.H.Pora and Qazigund. In the said National Lok Adalat, 1669 cases were taken up out of which 1281 cases were amicably settled. An amount of Rs.26,95,034 was realized in different cases.

Director Horticulture Kashmir toured various areas of district Budgam Takes review of developmental works in departmental nurseries

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 13: The Director Horticulture Kashmir, G.R. Mir today toured various areas of district Budgam to take review of developmental works in departmental nurseries.

At the outset of the tour, the Director visited Departmental Fruit Plant Nursery Beerwah, where he took stock of various developmental activities being carried out. He stressed for timely completion of budding and emphasized on the judicious use of inputs, so as to propagate quality fruit plants.

He further emphasized on the need of producing a maximum number of quality planting material and advised the Chief Horticulture Officer to get all the departmental nurseries of the district accredited by National Horticulture Board (NHB).

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respects.

Later, the Director participated in an interaction session held with farmers at village Soibough.

Addressing the gathering, the Director stressed on the field functionaries to aware the farming community about the

different departmental schemes in vogue and also elaborated in detail about the incentives available under various UT and Centrally sponsored schemes of the Department and urged the farmers to avail the benefits under these schemes.

He was accompanied by the Chief Horticulture Officer, Budgam, District Horticulture Officer, Budgam and other officers of the department. The Director Horticulture Kashmir, G.R. Mir today toured various areas of district Budgam to take review of developmental works in departmental nurseries.

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DLSA Reasi constitutes Core Group to help landslide hit families of Village Bassa

REASI, AUGUST 13: The Chairman Legal Services Authority Reasi has constituted a Core Group to help and ensure immediate help by government and non government agencies to the landslide hit victim families of Village Bassa of Tehsil Thuroo of Dharmari Sub Division Reasi.

As per the Order No. 173/DLSAR Dated: 13.08.2022 issued by the Chairman DLSA Reasi, "Taking the note of news item published in a section of press on 04.08.2022 that 36 Houses belonging to tribes of Village Bassa of Tehsil Thuroo of Dharmari Sub Division Reasi that were damaged due to massive landslides and sinking of earth that forced dozens of families to flee from their houses, in terms of scheme for legal services to disaster victims through legal services authority, a Core Group is constituted under the control of Chairman Tehsil Legal Services Committee Mahore with the following members: SDM Arnas, Advocate Balbir Singh, BMO Mahore, SDPO

Arnas and Advocate Imran Akram.

The core group shall help and ensure, Immediate help by government and non government agencies to the victims, Coordinate with different departments of government and NGOS for bringing immediate relief to the disaster victims, supervise the distribution of relief material, supervise the construction of temporary shelter for transporting the victims to safer places, Supervise re-union of families, Supervise the health, care and sanitation of victims, Supervise the needs of woman and children, Ensure the availability of food, medicines and drinking water, Supervise the construction of damaged houses, Supervise the restoration of cattle and chattle, Hold Legal Services Programmes in the relief camps for the rights of the victims, Assisting in the problems related to insurance policies, Arranging bank loans for re-starting the lost business, Arranging psychiatric help and counselling the disaster victims.

Series of plantation drives conducted in Nowshera forest division

RAJOURI, August 13: A series of Plantation Drives, under the theme "One Beat Guard One Village" and mark celebration of Azadi Ka Mahotsav were conducted on Saturday across Nowshera Forest division. A plantation drive was held at village Sarohiti of Khabber Panchayat. Bushan Uppal, Sarpanch Panchayat Khabber, Headmaster Sat Paul, PRI members along with a large number of locals and students of Government High School Sarohiti took part in the Plantation drive. Sanjeev Kumar Beat Guard Hathal conducted the drive with the help of Block Forest Officer Devak Rajinder Dev Sharma and other Forest Officials. A number of fruit, medicinal and fodder plants were planted on the occasion and plants and seed balls of different species were also distributed among the participants. Similar plantation drive under "One Beat Guard One Village" Programme was also conducted in village Keri of Panchayat Keri Teryath in which Seema Devi Sarpanch, panchayat Keri Teryath, Raj Krishan Head Master, PRI members along with a large number of locals and students of Govt. Middle school Bainalla participated. The plants of different species were planted and dis-

tributed among the participants.

The Sarpanch, PRI members and general public of the area lauded the efforts of Forest department for increasing the green cover of the area and thanked Vivek Verma, Conservator of Forests West Circle Rajouri, Neelima Shah, Divisional Forest Officer Nowshera and Rakesh Verma, Range Officer Sunderbani for organizing these plantation drives for spreading awareness among the villagers and students about the importance of forest, soil and it's direct relation with the rainfall and other climatic factors.

The drives were conducted under the direct supervision of Vivek Verma, Conservator of Forests West Circle Rajouri, Neelima Shah, Divisional Forest Officer Nowshera. The Sarpanch, PRI members and general public of the area lauded the efforts of Forest department for increasing the green cover of the area and thanked Vivek Verma, Conservator of Forests West Circle Rajouri, Neelima Shah, Divisional Forest Officer Nowshera and Rakesh Verma, Range Officer Sunderbani for organizing these plantation drives for spreading awareness among the villagers and students.

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EDITORIAL

Diseases that afflict humans

Illegal logging, urbanization, desertification of Land, mining, forest fires, livestock ranching and paper are the significant factors affecting deforestation. Deforestation is very bad news for the environment and for the climate. But the science is increasingly certain that deforestation is bad for agriculture too. It causes increases in temperatures as well as changes in rainfall patterns which generally create a drier climate. It is having another worrisome effect which is an increase in the spread of life-threatening diseases such as malaria and dengue fever. For a host of ecological reasons, the loss of forest can act as an incubator for insect-borne and other infectious diseases that afflict humans. Deforestation is the purposeful clearing of forested land. Throughout history and into modern times, forests have been razed to make space for agriculture and animal grazing, and to obtain wood for fuel, manufacturing, and construction. The process can directly lead to biodiversity loss when animal species that live in the trees no longer have their habitat, cannot relocate, and therefore become extinct. Deforestation can lead certain tree species to permanently disappear, which affects biodiversity of plant species in an environment. It affects the people and animals where trees are cut, as well as the wider world. Some 250 million people living in forest and savannah areas depend on them for subsistence and income, many of them among the world's rural poor. The disadvantages to deforestation are an increased amount of carbon dioxide emissions and soil erosion as well as the destruction of forest habitat and the loss of biological diversity of both plants and animals. If we don't stop deforestation, more than half of our plant and animal species will be extinct. It is the oldest ecosystem on Earth and they are impossible to replace. It took millions of years for rainforests to develop... How can we replenish fast enough to cope with the rate of deforestation?

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The Wise Elders: Let us follow their path

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Staying young, wild and free is a blessing that doesn't last forever. Growing and aging is a natural process that every individual experiences. As we grow, we encounter various negative and positive experiences that change our perception of life. Older members of a family bring wisdom, calm, dependability and unconditional love that frame the views of the broader family and shape the future of younger generations. The children of today will be the elders of tomorrow and thus their attitudes toward older people lay the ground for their future self-esteem and psychological well-being.

Our elders, parents and grandparents, sympathetic uncles and other close relatives have undoubtedly made sacrifices to ensure that we are in good hands from the moment we are born until we grow up. They show the rightful path which will lead to our success as they have much more experience of life than us. They have loved us unconditionally despite our faults and blunders. We owe it to them to ensure that they are in good hands and we reciprocate our love by caring for them or providing them with the same care they have given us.

Elderly people have always been the treasure of our families. They

are the ones who preserve the traditional and cultural values present in any ethnic group or community. Elders are like the roots of the tree and hold the family firmly at all times and make them strong. They are the ideal mentors. From all the experiences they have accumulated over the years, they can judge a situation and give constructive advice to their children. They also play an important role in solving disputes among the family members and in the lives of their grandchildren. They spend time with them, play with them, and teach them important rules and values of life in the form of stories. The stories that they tell have a positive impact on the young minds of children. They also provide a safe and loving environment for children to grow in. They are a form of blessing for all of us and are the greatest treasure of the family, society, and nation. They have an immense ocean of knowledge, experience, and wisdom which serves as a guidepost for the younger generation.

Considered as the custodians of wisdom, elders in many societies enjoy considerable degree of social reverence. If a person of power exercises sound judgment, he or she relies upon the



wisdom of elders to reinforce important social values or to maintain a sense of social justice. In this way, elders have long been an elemental source of social well-being. We should follow the footsteps of our wise elders, as they are a treasure of knowledge and wisdom, tested and tried since long. It not only helps in creating a better human being within themselves but also makes us more inclined towards giving back to society.

We all have much to learn from listening to our elders. When they speak, stop what you're doing, clear your mind, listen deeply and remember what they say. In time, we will remember some of their wise words, which are likely to steer us to fruitful and healthful destinations. In times of distress, such wisdom can enhance our individual and collective well-being.

Wise elders encourage the young to not surrender their life will as they know everyone's path is unique and everyone has a gift to uncover, develop, and share with the community. They encourage us towards love instead of fear, openness instead of bracing against change. They encourage us to work through our fears. They provide an embrace of support to the young and also a push to not be afraid to self-

actualise. They are wise because they have been able to connect the dots in their lives and learn from all their life experiences. They are self-aware and able to self-correct. They also have spent some quality time considering their mortality. They silently worry about their future and often worry about their children and other loved ones.

Our elders have come so far and they've learned so much, we have a responsibility to learn from that wisdom. Our elders have either acquired, created or have been brought up with a set of morals, values and/or principles in their life. They may not apply to our own but the least we can do is see how those values impacted their lives. We can learn a thing or two from adopting those values. Learn the right and wrong. Have the insight into a set of rules that we can outline for ourselves to follow and live by. Our elders would want the best for us and they would be more than willing to tell us what set of rules and guidelines have made them successful and hopefully, peaceful.

"Listen to your elder's advice. Not because they are always right but because they have more experiences of being wrong." – Melchor Lim

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Targeted Killings: Kashmir Fights Back!

NILESH KUNWAR

Wednesday's killing of three Pakistan backed Lashkar-e-Taiba [LeT] terrorists [including self-styled LeT commander Lateef Rather] in the Waterhail area of Budgam district in Central Kashmir is indeed a major success for the security forces and J&K police. What makes this operation all the more special is that despite being undertaken in a populated area, security forces neutralised these terrorists without suffering any casualties or causing collateral damage

Extinction of Rather is undoubtedly a remarkable achievement-not only because of his active involvement and direct complicity several heinous acts of terrorism, but also because he was able to successfully evade arrest/extermination for nearly a decade. At a time when the average 'active life expectancy of a terrorist' in J&K is barely one year, Rather's 'longevity' was a obviously a matter of great concern for the security forces.

So, while Rather's name was high on the J&K police wanted list of terrorists, it shot up several notches after he was conclusively identified as the one personally responsible for murdering innocent civilians at the behest of his Pakistani masters. Amongst his hapless victims was a Kashmiri Pandit named Rahul Bhat and a female Kashmiri Muslim artiste Amreen Bhat. Both the deceased were in their mid-thirties.

To the uninitiated these may appear to be random



killings. However, those closely following Pakistan army's ongoing proxy war in Kashmir would unanimously agree that selection of these seemingly un-associated 'targets' has the typical hallmark of Pakistan army's spy agency Inter-Services Intelligence [ISI] sinister strategy of trying to create mayhem and destroy Kashmir's pluralistic and tolerant culture by its two-pronged of inciting communal disharmony and promoting fundamentalist ideology in Kashmir Valley.

On May 12, Rahul Bhat, employed in the revenue department at Chadoora in Budgam district was at his desk, engrossed in official work when Lateef Rather, accompanied by an associate entered the office premises and walking up directly to Bhat, shot him dead at point blank range. The tragedy is that a young life was extinguished merely to terrorise Kashmir's indigenous Pandit

community and convey the message to them that they weren't welcome back!

The irony is that even though his family was compelled to leave their ancestral home in in Budgam district's Beerwah village due to the forced exodus of Kashmiri pandits orchestrated by fundamentalist Islamic terrorists in 1990 and take refuge in Jammu, when selected for a job in the same district, Bhat chose to return. He perhaps may have felt that since Budgam district happened to be home ground where his family had co-existed harmoniously with their Muslim brethren for centuries, he would be safe in Chadoora.

But this was not to be!

Amreen Bhat's case is equally tragic and intriguing. Chadoora [Budgam district] resident Ms Bhat was a spinster, who besides being a local TV artiste, was quite active on social media and ever since 2007, had been

regularly posting her music videos online. The content of her videos were sober and they never violated religious edicts or any cultural/social norms. Since, Amreen took due care to ensure that contentious issues never featured in her videos or social media posts, no one had ever expected that she would end up being murdered by a fellow Kashmiri who had sold his conscience to his mentors across the Line of Control [LoC].

Ms Bhat lived with her father and other family members in Budgam's Hushroo village in the outskirts of Srinagar. On May 26, LeT commander Rather accompanied by his indispensable sidekick came looking for Amreen. He asked her 11-year-old nephew [who was just leaving the house on an errand] to call for Amreen. When she came out, Rather briefly engaged her in conversation before whipping out a pistol

and shooting her at point blank range. Despite her grievous injuries, Amreen managed to stagger back into her house, but the heartrending sight of a profusely bleeding lady gasping for dear life didn't move the blood thirsty Rather. Following her inside, he shot her again and after ensuring that she was dead, fled the scene like a coward.

Even if one was to apply the most skewed fundamentalist standards, there still can't be any justification whatsoever for Amreen's cold-blooded murder by one who claims to be a 'mujahideen' [Islamic warrior]. So, why was she killed? As Amreen was no threat to the pro- Pakistan camp in Kashmir, her murder was most probably an attempt at giving an impetus to growing Islamic fundamentalism in Kashmir being championed by the likes of of Dukhtarane-Millat [Daughters of the Nation] chief Asiya Andrabi.

The reassuring part is that those perpetrating targeted killings in Kashmir Valley are efficiently being hunted down by security forces and the local police. Take the case of Rather who had survived for so long but was finally corned and eliminated within three months after he had brutally murdered Bhat and Amreen. While security forces and intelligence agencies deserve due credit for neutralising this bloodthirsty fiend, there are all the reasons to believe that it was public anger against targeted killings of innocents that contributed immensely to this achievement.

The grapevine in Kashmir Valley is abuzz with rumours of how information regard-

ing Rather's whereabouts was being regularly passed on to security forces by irate locals. Furthermore, the fact that J&K police confidently announced that LeT commander Rather was trapped inside a house the moment the Waterhail encounter-commenced, clearly indicates that the security forces had precise prior information about his presence.

There was a time when due to lack of actionable intelligence regarding locations of terrorists, security forces in J&K were compelled to conduct elaborate cordon and search operations. However, things have since changed and despite the threat of being killed by terrorists, the violence weary locals are now willingly cooperating with security forces. This is because senseless violence has effectively demolished the more than three-decade old façade of the so-called "armed struggle" in Kashmir.

People in J&K have started realising that terrorists who claim to engaged in an "armed struggle" for 'azadi' [freedom] are actually 'fighting Pakistan's war in Kashmir'- a fact that none other than United Jihad Council chief and Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist group supreme Syed Salahuddin has himself admitted. Rejection of violence by Kashmiris is a positive development that will certainly go a long way in ridding the Valley of the scourge of terrorism, which in the words of Mirwaiz Umar Farook has "not achieved anything other than creating more graveyards"!

Living in the moment



If I were to foregather people suffering psychologically, and given a chance to provide them with a way out, I would make them aware of what the present moment has to offer. Sufferings that have made our life a hell have little to do with the present moment and more to do with the past or the future. The former a lot many of us dwell on, the latter many of us are worried about. In any case, they are something that don't exist at the moment. A person capable of taking the trouble to think about the complications of time would agree that both the past and the future are illusions.

Here are examples to show why living in the now is so vital:

The other day one of my friends seemed to have some bouts of depressive tendencies for being subjected to people's brickbats thrown at him way long back. The scenario my pal was caught up in had to do with the cutting remarks that he became victim of. Speaking sensibly, there's no way to physically go back in time and take revenge of the wrong that had been

done to him. Therefore, screwing ourselves up badly over our past is absolute nonsense.

Anyhow, now the situation demands something to get rid of the psychological pain. Here the pres-

ent acts as the best psychiatrist. What it offers is the best medicine. You turn towards it, it gives you hope. You immerse yourself in it, it provides you with much-needed relief. The brickbats no longer

exist. The present moment guides you all through the way.

Stressed out over what the future has in store for him, this young boy always paid long visits into the future. He would get things done

in the future, get things undone in the future, speak to intellectuals, become a millionaire. Having high hopes of all the stuff he's enjoying in the made-up future, he began to have some intense brain fogs as "things" unfolded before him and scared him to death. The seriousness of his fast-forwarding into the future had him take no action. And in such a state he wasted a good number of years.

Such future-fuelled stress could be eliminated by being in the now. By doing things with all your heart and mind. No fantasies involved. One shouldn't keep high hopes of the future. When the you're honest with the present, not wandering in psychological time, the future by itself turns beautiful.

Besides the typical examples I stated above, the present moment can be used to withstand anything that seems to be eating away at our psyche.

Let's give it a try on an individual level.

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BRIEFLY NEWS

'..Shayari Project': Akhtar, Vishwas pay tribute to Indian poetry

'INDIA SHAYARI PROJECT', an offering from Zee Special Projects, will mark this Independence Day with an enriching poetic dialogue where Javed Akhtar, Zakir Khan, Kausar Munir and Kumar Vishwas will discuss why India is not just a piece of land but a 'sentiment'.

Be it the Bhakti dohas of Kabir, the Sufi 'kalaam' of Bulleh Shah, Tagore's 'Geetanjali', Bismil Azimabadi's ode to young freedom fighters (Sarfaroshi ki Tamanna), Dinkar and Nirala's contemporary voices or the progressive Urdu masterpieces of Sahir, Kaifi Azmi, Gulzar and Javed Akhtar, Indian poetry has captured India in all its diversity since time immemorial.

It is this unbroken poetic narrative that the 'India Shayari Project' pays a heartfelt tribute to.

But what exactly is India? Akhtar whose poetic legacy goes back to his grandfather Muztar Khairabadi and father Jaan Nisar Akhtar recounts how his poetry has painted the many colours of India through bhajans, Urdu ghazals and light-hearted film songs, while young talent Zakir Khan will recall the influences that have today made him the voice of the Indian masses.

Well-known lyricist, poet and film-writer Kausar Munir will relive how she veered from English academics to shayari and cinematic writing.

Kumar Vishwas will be the 'sutradhar', and will also share his patriotic and romantic poetry.

Watch 'India Shayari Project' on August 14 on TataPlay Theatre, and August 15 on Airtel Spotlight and Dish and D2H Rangmanch Active.

Salaar: Prabhas to treat fans with first look on Aug 15

Trust Prabhas to treat his ardent fans with something exciting on special occasions.

Be it festival or public holidays, the pan-India star has always revealed his character look or movie poster, much to the surprise of his fans worldwide.

On the auspicious occasion of India's 75th Independence Day, Prabhas will once again treat his fans by launching the first unit from his highly anticipated movie 'Salaar'.

From the makers of one of the biggest movie franchises ever - 'K.G.F.', the first unit of 'Salaar' has been hugely anticipated by the movie buffs, especially the fans of Prabhas who are excited to see their favorite superstar in a never seen before avatar.

The announcement of the first unit is all set to generate curiosity amongst the audience and will pique everyone's interests, wanting more from Prabhas.

Starring Prabhas, 'Salaar' is produced by Homble Films and directed by Prashant Neel (of K.G.F franchise).

Supernatural mystery thriller 'Karthikeya 2' receives praises & is a must-watch

The highly anticipated film 'Karthikeya 2' that is the sequel of the 2014 film 'Karthikeya', seems to have swept the audiences off their feet with a gripping plot and story line.

The film hit the theatres today, and has opened to a whooping hit. The movie is an engrossing natural mystery, thriller that revolves around Lord Shri Krishna's ornaments. It has an engaging and fresh storyline that seems to strike a chord with the audience.

The adventurous concept with an amalgamation of Hindu Mythology has impressed the audiences and is something we haven't watched before.

It's an excellent cinematic experience for the audiences and should be the first choice for viewing this weekend. The film has released in 100 plus screens in the Hindi belt which is a rare feat and this is all due to the star cast, plot line and the audience.

The film stars Nikhil Siddharth and Anupama Parameswaran along with thespian Anupam Kher, Srinivas Reddy, Aditya Menon and Viva Harsha also play pivotal roles.

Directed by Chandoo Mondeti and produced by TG Vishwa Prasad and Abhishekh Agarwal, the film seems to captivate more audiences over the weekend. The film also has an interesting score by Kaala Bhairava and cinematography by Karthik Ghattamaneni.

Licious ropes in 'The Great Khali' for meat fest

Licious, is all set to regale their customers with the biggest meat festival 'All You Can Meat Buffet', and has roped in 'The Great Khali' for the campaign.

"It is a one-of-its-kind celebration of meaty delights, from August 12-18th across 28 cities. During these seven days, Licious customers will have access to over 300 products that are peppered with the best offers," the brand said in a statement on Saturday.

"Licious has tied up with 'The Great Khali' to endorse the spirit of ultimate indulgence. The Great Khali appears in print ad and Instagram reels, where he perfectly synergizes his king-size love for meaty treats with the grand scale of the festival," it said.

Prashant Verma, CRO, Licious said, "As a true blue D2C brand we have the opportunity to listen to our customers directly. It is through our nuanced understanding of customer preferences that we are able to create differentiated experiences such as this festival."

"The Licious All You Can Meat Buffet is a larger-than-life meat extravaganza. So, when it came to the perfect representation of the idea behind this festival, The Great Khali, was our obvious choice. We wanted our customers to wake up to a campaign that would whet their appetite- literally! The Great Khali does a good job of delivering the impact with a punch and some more," added Verma.

The campaign also finds life through Danish Sait's impeccable humor and Karan Kundra's renewed love for all things chicken, through their Instagram reels.

'Shershaah' completes a year, Himanshu Malhotra feels nostalgic about it

Actor Himanshu Malhotra is seen as Major Rajeev Kapoor in Sidharth Malhotra and Kiara Advani-starrer 'Shershaah'.

As the movie has completed an year recently, he recalls working in it and shares a few BTS moments from the sets.

He says: "It's a really magical, beautiful, heart-wrenching film for me. I spent almost a year shooting in Palampur, Kargil and Chandigarh. I remember article 370 was going on during that time so there was no Internet, no phone calls."

"So all we did was have our own music jamming sessions and have our meals together. This film also introduced me to actors like Sidharth Malhotra, Shiv Pandit, Niketan Dheer who later on became my friends. Travelling together, exploring new places through all this has helped us create a lovely bond."

He also talks about his working experience with the



director and adds: "On the set, director Vishnuvardhan and writer Sandeep Srivastava were always active and on their toes. Their hard work is truly appreciated."

"Then there's assistant directors like Altamash and

Salman whose efforts have made us all comfortable. And after we saw the film after the shooting, it was such an overwhelming experience. 'Shershaah' is a part of my legacy now. We all are proud of it," he concludes.

Ayushmann on rising Covid cases: 'Nazar lag gayi hai hum sab ko'

Bollywood actor Ayushmann Khurana with a sprinkle of laughter has addressed the rising cases of Covid once again.

Ayushmann took to Instagram where he shared a monochrome picture from inside an airplane. He urged everyone to mask up and also wear a black thread on the leg to keep the evil eye at bay.

He wrote: "Inside the airplane. From the creek of the window seat 1A. It's time to mask up again. Suna hai saara Mumbai viral/cold infection se joojha raha hai. In the meanwhile can I have a glass of warm water pls."

"You may put some kaali mirch too. Kaala dhaaga bhi baandh lo haath paaon mein (wear a black thread on your leg). Nazar lag gayi hai hum sab ko. (We have the evil eye on all of us.)"

On the work front, Ayushmann was last seen on screen in 'Anek'. He will soon be seen in 'An Action Hero' and 'Doctor G'.

**Raju Srivastava's family says his condition is stable**

Popular comedian Raju Srivastava's family has shared a health update saying that his condition is stable.

Raju Srivastava was rushed to AIIMS in New Delhi after suffering a heart attack while working out in the gym. His family and friends are praying for his speedy recovery.

In a recent update shared by his family on his Instagram handle they have informed that doctors are treating him and he is stable and asked everyone to not

believe any rumours.

The statement reads: Raju Srivastava Ji's health is stable and doctors are treating him. Please ignore any kind of rumours. Kindly pray for him."

The 58-year-old actor and stand-up comedian is known

Siddhant on 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan': Bunch of cool kids making a film

Bollywood actor Siddhant Chaturvedi has penned a heart-felt note as he has wrapped up shooting for his next 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan', which he calls "fun, curious and a millennial mess."

Taking to his social media, Siddhant shared a beautiful picture where he can be seen hugging his co-stars Ananya Panday and Adarsh Gourav with a smile on his face.

Alongside the post he wrote: "And It's a wrap! #KhoGayeHumKahan. We were young, crazy, and restless. Fun, curious & a millennial mess. It's a story about you & me, and we were just a bunch of cool kids makin' a film."

He added: "Thank you @zoieakhtar @reemakagti1 for the best filming experiences ever. @tigerbabyofficial @excelmoviesHail!A @arjunvarain.singh Our Capt'n! My brother! Thank you for showing this mad faith in us. You've been strong & vulnerable in a timed beauty of it's own."

"My creative pillars @yashsahai and @sapanv It wouldn't have been possible without your Wit, Whoops and WTFs!"



Hanks) ac Directing (Robert Zemeckis) ac Film Editing (Arthur Schmidt) ac Best Picture (Wendy Finerman, Steve Tisch and Steve Starkey, Producers) ac Adapted

Screenplay (Eric Roth)". Released on August 11, 'Laal Singh Chaddha' also stars Kareena Kapoor Khan, Naga Chaitanya and Mona Singh.

Pracheen Chauhan to be seen in a ghazal titled 'Rakh Lo'

Actor Pracheen Chauhan opens up about making his debut in a ghazal titled 'Rakh Lo'. The 'Shaadi Mubarak' actor says that shooting for this was altogether a different experience for him.

The ghazal is sung by Abhay Jodhpurkar. He says: "After acting for TV and digital shows, shooting for this ghazal was altogether a very new experience for me. It was different in many ways as there were no dialogues. It was fun and I'm looking forward to shooting more for different music songs."

Pracheen reveals how he got the opportunity and adds: "Gilbert Chettiar (lyricist and the producer) approached me for this a month back. When I heard the song for the first time, I immediately connected with it. It is very soothing."

"The concept of the music video is also different from what I thought initially. It feels like a song for lovers



but we have portrayed a very beautiful story around the sibling bond. This is my first music video ever so it holds a very special place in my heart. And I'm hoping it is able to hold a special place in the audience's hearts too."

The actor says that he's also open to taking up more acting projects.

"I am always open for great work opportunities, the platform is not the criterion. If I get a good work opportunity on TV, I will definitely do it. As an actor I have always been interested in characters which drive the story and which are the most integral part of the script."

Urmila says no one can take their eyes off Govinda when he comes on screen

Bollywood actress Urmila Matondkar feels that when actor Govinda performs on screen with her no one can take their eyes off him'.

She says: "I still remember, when I signed my first film with Govinda, I was determined to put in those extra efforts for the audience to watch me even for a second while I was dancing with him."

"This is because I feel that whenever he comes on screen, no one can take their eyes off him. I have tried a lot till date, but I couldn't succeed in getting to his level. He knows perfectly what he has to do when he is shooting as he is not just an actor or a dancer, but a performer."

Urmila, who is part of the panel of judges along with Remo D'Souza and Bhagyashree Dassani on 'DID Super Moms' will be seen grooving to her famous track 'Urmila Re Urmila' from 2000 film 'Kunwara' with Govinda after 22 years.

Urmila shares: "I have



always been a huge fan of Govinda and I have watched all of his films."

"He is truly someone who will catch your eye and I believe no matter who

the actress is, if she is dancing next to Govinda, then the audience will only be watching him in the song."

'DID Super Moms' airs on Zee TV.



"My Co-stars and now friends for life @ananyapanday @gouravadarsh I've only grown working along side you both. You guys are freakin' beautiful! and lastly to the whole Cast & Crew, Dadas and Dudes. Thank

you guys, it was an honour." About his future line-ups, Siddhant will be next seen in 'Phone Bhoot' with Katrina Kaif and Ishaan Khatter and 'Yudhra' where he takes on a heavy dose of action.

DC Kathua reviews working of Cooperatives Department

KATHUA, AUGUST 13: Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rahul Pandey today chaired a meeting of officers Cooperatives department to review the functioning and progress of the Departmental services and the areas to work on through collaboration of different departments.

At the outset, Deputy Registrar Cooperatives Kathua presented the Cooperative Profile of the district through a powerpoint presentation.

The DC took detailed review of the updated Audit position of cooperative societies, financial status of the units, besides discussing issues faced by societies.

He underlined the need to frame a well knit strategy

to revive the cooperative culture through active

ficers to prepare a list of societies which are under



collaboration of different departments.

The DC directed the of-

illegal occupancy so that the eviction process can be initiated at the earliest.

Directions were also passed to the officers to put up the file for re-assessment of rents for properties of cooperatives rented out to different departments and stakeholders.

The DC laid thrust on the need to formulate a prospective vision document for strengthening of cooperatives, where governmental control will be minimised and a spirit of entrepreneurship was developed on the pattern of cooperative model of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Punjab and Kerala.

The DC urged the concerned officers to work with FPOs to modernize the supply chains for production, branding and marketing of different

products that are being targeted under One District One Product (ODOP) scheme.

The DC said that linking the products of cooperative societies with e-services and grading and certification by FSSAI will make the quality of products more effective by increasing its public outreach and expansion through online marketing and thus doubling the finances of such cooperative societies. The DC said that linking the products of cooperative societies with e-services and grading and certification by FSSAI will make the quality of products more effective by increasing its public outreach and expansion through online marketing.

Har Ghar Tiranga’ Abhiyan witnesses huge public participation across Ramban

RAMBAN, AUGUST 13: District Administration Ramban today launched Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan, encouraging the people to hoist the National Flag on the rooftop of their homes to mark the 75 years of India’s independence.

On the inaugural day, the ‘Har Ghar Tiranga’ campaign under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav witnessed huge public participation across the district.

Besides, hoisting the Tiranga on top of their homes, the Deputy Commissioner, Ramban Mussarat Islam and SSP, Mohita Sharam today flagged off a massive ‘Har Ghar Tiranga’ rally from the District Police Line Ramban to Ramban town.

President MC Ramban, Sunita Sumbria, DDC Councillor Rakesh Thakur, ADDC, Rajinder Sharma, ADC, Harbans Sharma, Addl. SP, Rajni Sharma, Dy. SP headquarter, Pardeep Singh, Dy. SP DAR Waqar Ahmed and various senior officers were also present on the occasion and stage proceedings were ably conducted by Raj Singh Raju. Former MLA, Neelam Langeh and other prominent citizens also participated in the rally.

The rally was organized by the Police department in which a large number of Bikers, vehicles, youth and students participated to mark the Tiranga Utsav. The rally began with the tune of the National



Anthem played by the Army Piper Band.

Sharing a video on social media in which hundreds of youth took out a Tiranga march, the DC said: “This is a great collective effort by the people of Ramban, especially youth. I admire the enthusiasm towards #HarGharTiranga.”

The event was appreciated by the people as it was unique in style, colourful in appearance and massive in gathering. The students assembled in chains and formed India @75, signifying seventy-five years of Independence.

Speaking on the occasion, the SSP said that the idea behind the initiative was to invoke the feeling of patriotism in the hearts of the people and to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

National Lok Adalat: 1902 cases settled in Reasi

REASI, AUGUST 13: Under the insightful directions of Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, Executive Chairman, JKL-SA and radiant guidance of R.N. Watal Chairman DLSA Reasi (Pr. District & Sessions Judge Reasi), District Legal Services Authority Reasi today organized Third National Lok Adalat of the calendar year 2022 in District Reasi.

A total of 2031 cases were taken up for amicable settlement out of which 1902 cases were settled and an amount of Rs. 59,75,864 was realized as settlement amount.

Five Benches for settling the referred cases were constituted. The Bench No.1 consisted of R.N. Watal, Pr. District & Sessions Judge, Reasi, Rekha Kapoor Nischal, Secretary, District Legal

Services Authority, Reasi and Senior Advocate K.K. Dubey, District Court Complex, Reasi.

The Bench No.2 consisted of Sudesh Sharma, Chief Judicial Magistrate (Sub-Judge), Reasi, and Advocate Pawan Khajuria, President Bar Association, Reasi.

The Bench No. 3 comprised of Priyanka Mahajan, Additional Mobile Magistrate, Reasi, Advocates Rashi Baru, and Shazia Punjabi, District Court Complex, Reasi; while the Bench no.4 comprised of Manoj Kumar Parihar, Sub Judge, Katra, Sandeep Sen, Munisiff, Katra and Advocate Akhil Prashar, President Bar Association, Katra and Bench No. 5 consisted of Mahavir Singh, Munisiff, Mahore, Abdul Gani Bhatt, President Bar Association, Mahore and Advocate S.S.

Sahni, Tehsil, Mahore.

The matters placed before the Benches included Civil, Criminal Compoundable, Cheque Bounce, Recovery matters, MACT, Matrimonial, Public Utility Services, Pre- Litigation matters and also Traffic challans. The Bench No. 3 comprised of Priyanka Mahajan, Additional Mobile Magistrate, Reasi, Advocates Rashi Baru, and Shazia Punjabi, District Court Complex, Reasi; while the Bench no.4 comprised of Manoj Kumar Parihar, Sub Judge, Katra, Sandeep Sen, Munisiff, Katra and Advocate Akhil Prashar, President Bar Association, Katra and Bench No. 5 consisted of Mahavir Singh, Munisiff, Mahore, Abdul Gani Bhatt, President Bar Association, Mahore and Advocate S.S. Sahni, Tehsil, Mahore.

Tiranga Yatra organized in Jammu by KVIC, ITBP & DHSS

Farooq Rather

Jammu,13-Aug: Ahead of India celebrating 75th year of Independence as Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Under Har ghar Tiranga campaign, today Khadi & Village Industries Commission State Office Jammu organized a Tiranga Yatra in collaboration with ITBP troops & Dogra Higher secondary school. The rally initiated from Dogra Higher secondary school and moved from Dudhadhari chowk and finally culminated at Khadi & V.I commission’s State office at Sanjay Chowk Shastri Nagar. Around 250 students from Dogra Higher Secondary school participated in this Tiranga Yatra along with Surrender Singh 2 IC ITBP ,Asst. Commandant Mahipal Singh & ITBP troops, Khadi Institutions/artisans, SP Khandelwal State Director KVIC, Anil Kumar Sharma (Principal/Assistant



Director KVIC) ,KVIC staff & General Public. On this occasion, State Director KVIC State Office Jammu SP Khandelwal shared the message that since India is celebrating 75th year of Independence and to mark the relevance of this occasion State Office decided to take out a Tiranga Yatra to spread the message of har Ghar Tiranga. Surrender Singh 2 IC ITBP, shared that since India got independence after lot of struggle and we should value it and try to preserve this with the best of our efforts.

IRP-7th Bn hosts Tiranga rally, interactive session with students to celebrate Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav”

JAMMU, AUGUST 13: As part of the “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav”, India, IRP-7th Bn. held an interactive session with the students of Government Middle School Nardhani-Nadwal and Government Primary School Sajwal which was co-President by Kuldeep RaJ, BDC Chairman Bhatwal and Farooq Qaiser, Dy. Commandant IRP 7th, Bn. A Tiranga Rally comprising Students, teachers and Police officers/officials was also taken out at Battalion Headquarters Kot Bhalwal (Seri)) Jammu.

The programme started with the playing of the National Anthem after Police officers/guest speakers held interaction with students. The students were informed about India’s great history and her freedom struggle so as to inculcate a sense of patriotism’ nationalism and brotherhood among them during their formative years.

A cultural programme was also presented on the occasion to celebrate the diversity and unity of our great nation.

As part of “Har Ghar Tiranga” campaign, the students and other participants were provided National Flags to enable them to hoist the Tricolour at their homes. Gifts were also presented to the students on occasion, which was followed by a rally of participants holding National Flags in their hands.

An oath of unconditional allegiance, unquestioned loyalty, national pride and mutual respect was also administered to the participants by Dy. Commandant, Farooq Qaiser. In his address, he exhorted the participants to value the freedom which we have been able to achieve after so many sacrifices and being maintained at the cost of so many precious lives. He also stressed upon the need for preserving our

national unity and communal harmony, besides paying tributes to all the martyrs, particularly of Jammu and Kashmir Police who have paid back with their lives in the last over 30 years of our fight against terrorism.

The programme ended with lunch at the Bn Hqrs.

Others present and spoke on the occasion included Partap Singh, Sarpanch Gharota; Shivdev Singh, Sarpanch Ghaink and teachers of the participating schools. An oath of unconditional allegiance, unquestioned loyalty, national pride and mutual respect was also administered to the participants by Dy. Commandant, Farooq Qaiser. In his address, he exhorted the participants to value the freedom which we have been able to achieve after so many sacrifices and being maintained at the cost of so many precious lives. He also stressed upon.

BJP Minority Morcha In Collaboration with “Wings Ek Udaan” Holds Bike Rally In Jammu

Amir Iqbal Khan

Jammu, Aug 13:A Bike rally was organised by Bhartiya Janata party Minority Morcha under the leadership of its spokes person Fareed Ahmed Fani in collaboration with “Wings Ek Udaan” members with the campaign” Har Ghar Tiranga” as part of “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav” marking 75th year of India’s independence here on Saturday.

The campaign started from Rehari Colony covering Dogra Chowk, Bikram Chowk Gujjar Nagar and other city areas which finally culminated at Parade ground Jammu.

Bikers in the rally passed through main roads of the city chanting slogans “Bolo Bharat Mata ki Jay” and “Vande Mataram”. The national tricolor flags were installed on the bikes during the rally.Speaking on the Occasion, Fani said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s “Har Ghar Tiranga” campaign initiative ahead of the 75th independence Day is an appeal to the citizens to host the tricolour .

Full dress rehearsal held across Jammu Division with patriotic zeal Div Com unfurls Tricolour, inspects Parade at MA Stadium ege

JAMMU, AUGUST 13: The district administrations on Saturday conducted full dress rehearsal across Jammu Division witnessing impressive Parades and a colorful cultural programme depicting the rich heritage and diverse culture of the Country.

At Jammu: The full dress rehearsal for 75th Independence Day celebration was held in MA Stadium where Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar inspected the parade in an open jeep, hoisted the national flag and took the salute from the contingents of District Police, CRPF, JKAP, NCC and students drawn from different schools.

Deputy Commissioner Avny Lavasa; ADC, Satish Sharma; Joint Director Information, Sapna Kotwal, ACG Rakesh Dubey, besides heads of different departments and senior officers were also present on

the occasion.

A scintillating cultural bonanza depicting patriotism, culture and message against the social evils was also presented by the school Children.

The Students from different government schools of Jammu city and its peripheries participated in the variety cultural show to be presented on the occasion of Independence Day celebrations.

At Samba: The Full dress rehearsal for Independence Day (ID) was held at Rani Suchait Singh Sports Stadium, Arazi amidst fanfare, enthusiasm and patriotic zeal.

The event saw participation of a large number of locals with due adherence to Covid SoPs.

The National Tricolour was hoisted by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Suram Chand Sharma at 0855 hours, followed by inspection of the parade.

In his address, the ADC outlined the achievements and challenges of District Samba. He also recalled the sacrifices of the Martyrs and freedom fighters which fetched India independence. He threw light in ‘Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav’ being celebrated to recount achievements of 75 years of Independence. He further urged the participants to make the Har Ghar Tiranga program a great success.

The Full Dress Rehearsal witnessed a colorful cultural show presented by the students featuring singing of patriotic songs, folk dance and music.

Earlier, as many as 15 contingents from Govt/ pvt Schools and police and para- military including NCC/ NSS & Army band participated in the Parade.

Senior Superintendent of Police Samba, Abhishek Mahajan, ACR, DIO, CPO,

DYSSO, CEO besides other District and Sectoral Officers were also present.

At Kathua: The full dress rehearsal for 76th Independence Day was held in Kathua at Sports Stadium where contingents of Police, CRPF, Army, NCC cadets presented an impressive parade.

The rehearsal started with hoisting of National Flag by Deputy Commissioner, Rahul Pandey followed by inspection of the parade.

In his address, the Deputy Commissioner greeted people on behalf of district administration.

The DC highlighted the achievements registered by Kathua District during the current financial year mentioning maiden initiatives of roping in technological intervention in Agriculture and resumption of sustainable agriculture activities in border areas.

The DC appreciated the

relentless efforts of health, police, and employees of different departments for smooth and successful conduct of Amarnath Ji Yatra, which resumed after a gap of two years.

While remembering the contributions of the eminent freedom fighters, the DC said “It is our duty to safeguard the hard fought independence by doing our duties with utmost honesty and dedication.”

On the occasion, a scintillating cultural programme featuring patriotic songs, folk music and dance was presented by school and college students.

SSP Kathua, R.C Kotwal, ADC Atul Gupta besides other senior officers of district administration were present on the occasion.

At Doda: The Full dress rehearsal in connection with the celebration of Independence day 2022 was held at Sports Stadium Doda.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Dr R K Bharti, after inspection of the parade took salute at the march past of contingents drawn from the JKP, IRP 5th Bn, CRPF, SSB, FPF, School children, NCC Sr and Jr wing and District Police band.

The ADC Doda briefly highlighted the relevance of the National festival and said that this year India is celebrating 75 Years of independence. He also paid homage to the freedom fighters, who laid down their lives for India’s independence.

Besides, he expressed hope for better coordination among all the quarters in making the National event a grand success.

SSP Doda, SP Operations, CEO Doda, Dy SP DAR, and other senior officers of Police and Civil Administration were also present on the occasion.

GDC Ukhral hosts series of events to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

RAMBAN, AUGUST 13: Government Degree College Ukhral, in collaboration with RR Unit Ukhral of Indian Army, organised a series of events to commemorate the 75th Year of Indian Independence under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. In the first event a patriotic film i.e “Border” was screened for the students of the College with the aim to inculcate the value and spirit of Indian Nationalism and Patriotism.Around 150 students participated and watched this patriotic film. Principal of the College Prof. (Dr.) Ranvijay Singh, in his inaugural address, exhorted the students to develop a sense of patriotism and belonging towards the Nation.

In another event, “Har Ghar Tiranga” campaign under “Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav” was organised in the main Market of Ukhral to encourage people to bring the Tiranga home and to hoist it to mark the 75th year of independence. The idea behind the initiative was to invoke the feeling of patriotism in the hearts of people and to promote the awareness about the importance and value of the Indian National Flag.

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to inculcate the feeling of Patriotism and Nationalism. All faculty members of the college also actively participated in the program and joined around 170 students in the Tringha Rally. In the first event a patriotic film i.e “Border” was screened for the students of the College with the aim to inculcate the value and spirit of Indian Nationalism and Patriotism.Around 150 students participated and watched this patriotic film. Principal of the College Prof. (Dr.) Ranvijay Singh, in his inaugural address, exhorted the students to develop a sense of patriotism and belonging towards the Nation.

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Red Ribbon Club Of GDC Bhadarwah Celebrates International Youth Day

Amir Iqbal Khan

Bhadarwah, Aug 13:Red Ribbon Club of Govt. Degree College Bhadarwah celebrated the International Youth Day on Friday.The programme was organized in collaboration with J&K AIDS Control Society (JKACS), Health & Medical Education Department and J&K Higher Education Department to commemorate the 75th Year of “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav”. Principal of the college Dr Kuldeep Kumar Sharma congratulated all the staff members and students of the college who actively participated in the function.The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Dr. Sandeep Kotwal, Nodal Officer Red Ribbon Club GDC Bhadarwah. He briefed the students about the importance of celebrating International Youth Day which offers younger generations to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with overall development of the Nation.Prof Surinder Parihar, NSS Coordinator formally welcomed all the participants and informed them the 2022 theme “Intergenerational solidarity

creating a world for all ages”. Speaking on the occasion, Prof Pinki Kotwal expressed her views and stressed on the importance of youth to work in positive atmosphere for making the Nation stronger.

Prof Bekham Pal Singh cautioned the students about the impact of Drug abuse and HIV/ AIDS and guided all the audiences how to tackle the younger generations so that they do not fall prey to the hostile conditions.

A large number of students and staff participated in the poster making and extempore speeches. In poster making competition the first prize was bagged by Samiksha Kotwal of UG Sem 4th, 2nd prize was won by Sonika Sharma while 3rd position was secured by Payal Manhas. Shalini Kotwal was given consolation prize.The participants of the program were presented with the Certificates of Appreciation besides refreshment.Prominent among those who were present on the occasion included Prof Manjeet Charak, Prof Sanjay Kumar, Prof Rahul Uttam, Prof Sangeeta Thakur and Dilveer Singh.

DIPR organises cultural programme in Unique High School Rehari

JAMMU, AUGUST 13: Cultural Wing of Department of Information and Public Relations today organized a cultural program on Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, here at Unique High School Rehari Jammu.

Principal of the School, Mrs. Baby was the chief guest on the occasion.

Artists of Cultural Wing Jammu and students of the school presented a scintillating cultural programme featuring Dogri, Hindi and Punjabi songs which were highly applauded by the audience.

The Principal urged the Information Department to organize such programmes in future also. Artists of Cultural Wing Jammu and students of the school presented a scintillating cultural programme featuring Dogri, Hindi and Punjabi songs which were highly applauded by the audience.

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Meanwhile, Artists of cultural academy and other troupes besides, students performed colorful cultural programmes amid the national Patriotic Songs and local popular songs which enthralled the audience and invoked huge applause. Among others present were Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Assad; senior Police Officers, Head of Departments of all line departments, students, media persons besides officers of CRPF and other security agencies.

At Baramulla: The Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Baramulla, Aijaz Abdullah Saraf unfurled the tricolor, took the salute at the march-past presented by the contingents of JKP, JKAP, CRPF, SSB, Home Guard and students of various schools and inspected the parade at District Police Lines, here.

The ADDC expressed satisfaction over the arrangements made by various departments for the hassle free celebration of the national event at the venue.

At Anantnag: The Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Anantnag, Gh. Hassan Sheikh today unfurled the national flag, inspected the parade and took salute at the march past presented by the contingents from CRPF, J&K Police, Home Guards, NCC and school Childrens at GDC Boys Khanabal, here.

Addressing the gathering, the ADC highlighted efforts and achievements made by the district under various priority areas including education, healthcare, languishing, back to village, district capex, agriculture and allied sectors, women and youth empowerment, MGNREGA, JJM, water and electricity supply to Anganwadi Centres and schools, rural development, macadamisation and road connectivity, social welfare, Nasha Mukht Bharat, industries, self employment and creation of durable and sustainable assets.

At Budgam: The Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Budgam, Dr Akramullah Tak today unfurled the tricolor, inspected the parade contingents and took salute at the March Past, presented by contingents of JKP, JKIP, CRPF, Home Guard, NCC and school students at the Sports Stadium, here.

During his address, the ADDC paid rich tributes to the martyrs and highlighted the role and sacrifices of freedom fighters for India's Independence.

On the occasion various cultural programmes were presented by artists and school children.

Similar Rehearsal functions were also held at all SDM and Tehsil Headquarters.

At Ganderbal: The Deputy Commissioner (DC), Ganderbal, Shyambr unfurled the tricolor, inspected the parade and took salute at the march-past presented by the contingents of JKP, JKAP, CRPF, ITBP, PTS Manigam, SPO Ganderbal, District Police, Home Guard, NCC and students of various schools at Qamariya Ground, here.

The DC expressed satisfaction over the arrangements made by various departments for the hassle free celebration of the national event at the venue.

At Pulwama: The Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Pulwama, Dr Ab Aziz Sheikh today hoisted the National Flag and took salute at the march past comprising contingents from CRPF, District Police, JKP Womens wing, Home guard and school children from various educational institutes at District Police Lines, here.

Speaking on occasion, the ADDC highlighted various developmental works and achievements of the district particularly the establishment of AIIMS and IUST in the district.

Senior officers from Police and civil administration, school children and a large number of people were present on the occasion.

Similar function was held at DPL Awantipora where ADC Awantipora M. Zaffer Shawl hoisted the flag and took salute at the march past presented by the contingents of JKAP, JKP, CRPF, NCC cadets and school children.

At Shopian: The Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Shopian, Mushtaq Ahmed Simnani unfurled the National Flag and took salute at the March Past presented by the contingents of CRPF, JKP, Forest Protection Police, Fire & Emergency, Home Guard and contingents of various school children at District Police Lines (DPL), here.

Addressing the gathering, the ADC said that after independence the nation has achieved the highest goals of success in every field of development. He enlisted various projects that were executed in the district in different sectors viz. health, education, R&B, JJM, KPDCL, RDD etc and said that the district has recorded splendid achievements on multiple fronts.

At Kulgam: The Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kulgam, Riyaz Ahmad Sofi today unfurled the National Flag, inspected the parade and took salute at the march past presented by the contingents of J&K Police, CRPF, Women Police, Home Guard, Police band, students from schools and other contingents at District Police Lines (DPL), here.

Speaking on the occasion, the ADDC congratulated the people and highlighted the developmental scenario of the district and achievements recorded under various schemes and sectors in the district.

At Kupwara: The Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Kupwara, Ghulam Nabi Bhat hoisted the National Flag, inspected the parade and took salute on March-past presented by contingents of JKP, IRP, CRPF, FPP, JK Home Guards, Police Commandos and school children at District Police Lines, here.

ASP Kupwara, ACD, ACP, CEO, CMO, DYS&SO and DIO besides District officers and officials were present on the occasion.

Addressing the function, the ADC congratulated the audience on the eve of celebration of 76th Independence Day. He said that District Administration is committed for holistic development and enlisted developmental activities and achievements.

Full dress rehearsal functions were also held at Handwara, Karnah and Sogam sub divisions.

At DPL Handwara, ADC Handwara, Nazir Ahmad Mir hoisted the National Flag and took salute at the March past. Cultural programmes were also held on the occasion. At Karnah, SDM, Dr.Gulzar Ahmad Rather hoisted the tricolour and took a salute on the March past. Cultural programmes were also held on the occasion.

At Bandipora: The Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Bandipora, Afsar Ali Khan today hoisted the National Flag, inspected the parade and took the salute at the march past comprising contingents of CRPF 3rd battalion, J&K Executive Police, J&K- IRP, J&K Fire and Emergency, SPOs, Home Guard, NCC, Students from various schools followed by police Band Group at S.K Stadium, here.

Speaking on the occasion, the ADDC appreciated and congratulated all the participants and organisers of Tiranga Rallies across the district. He also appreciated the efforts of all concerned who played their role in successful and peaceful completion of Shri Amarnathji Yatra.

Full dress rehearsal function was also held at Mini secretariat Bandipora where Additional Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Waseem Raja hoisted the flag.

All the blocks of district also witnessed full dress rehearsal function besides functions at Sub Division Sumbal and Gurez

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districts of Kashmir. There is no coercion," he said. "In Pulwama, 10,000 youth with Tiranga in arms shouting 'Bharat Mata ki Jai'. This is happening without any coercion and by the will of youth," he said. He said the Prime Minister in August 2019 bestowed the UT with a gift of a new dawn of development and prosperity. "For 70 years, the socio-economic system of Jammu and Kashmir was facing a serious crisis and in the last three years, the UT has achieved great strides in the direction of reducing the gap between villages and cities that had

only widened in the last seven decades," L-G Sinha said. The Lt. Governor said that it was our sacred obligation to defend every inch of the motherland and even if we have to sacrifice everything. "We shall be ready," he added. He said some people, at the behest of the neighboring country, were trying to create disturbance in J&K. "The neighboring country, which itself is living in misery, can't do any good to the people of J&K," the Lt. Governor added. He said peace was a prerequisite for development. "People wearing dark glasses can't see development taking place in J&K. A record one crore tourists visited J&K this year. Srinagar airport saw 110 flights operating in a day," he added. Sinha said no civilian was killed in security force's firing in the last three years. "We are following the policy of don't touch innocent people and don't leave the culprit," he added. Meanwhile, BJP spokesman Altaf Thakur said the party office in Kashmir office was flooded with people taking flags. "The office distributed 20,000 flags in a day among citizens belonging to all districts of the Valley. This is a big slap on the face of those opposing the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' initiative," Thakur said.

TRABUTE

the visit.

Remembering the contributions of Maqbool Sherwani, the Lt Governor said, in October 1947, this young man fought the barbaric atrocities perpetrated by the Pakistani government and its army and protected the pride of the tricolor.

The Lt Governor also recalled the Sikh heroes led by Lt Colonel Diwan Ranjit Rai who had set a unique example of dedication, valor and devotion to duty in protecting every inch of the land of Jammu and Kashmir.

All sections of the society should work together to build a strong and peaceful J&K which is economically, socially and culturally rich, to fulfill the dreams of our forefathers, Lt Governor said.

I also salute the sacrifices of our forefathers who kept our flag flying high and ensured our journey on the road to progress was uninterrupted. Youth must take the inspiration from ideas and ideals that shaped our destiny to face the challenges of the future, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor said, today, J&K is marching ahead towards peace, development and prosperity only because of the sacrifices made by our security personnel, brave hearts like Maqbool Sherwani and their families.

We are on a threshold of a new era in J&K. Let us work together to make history and ensure our rightful place in Aatma-Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan. We must work shoulder to shoulder to build a prosperous Jammu Kashmir, he further added.

The Lt Governor observed that the historic turn of August 1919 instilled a new confidence in the people of Jammu and Kashmir. In the last three years, we have overcome many obstacles and difficulties and made new achievements by breaking the restrictions and anti-development laws acting as a hindrance in the path of progress.

Highlighting the developmental scenario in the district, the Lt Governor observed that in Baramulla district, the government had set a target of completing 1038 projects last year but completed 1082 projects, more than the target. This year in the District Capex budget, Baramulla has been allotted Rs 1515 crore and work is going on in 1520 projects. Thousands of projects are also being completed under the Central Sector Scheme which will create a better future for the common citizens, he added.

Reiterating that peace is the pre-condition for progress, the Lt Governor said that terrorism and hatred have no place in a civilized society that believes in 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' and it is the responsibility of the people to teach a lesson to those who want to weaken this spirit.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor also laid the foundation stone for the up-gradation project at Government Medical College, Baramulla at a cost of Rs 30 crore, besides dedicating Kalayban Bridge to the local population, catering to the needs of around 4,000 people.

The Lt Governor said that, in Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, every person has to take a pledge to stand up against the forces that weaken the country. Let us all together ensure the participation of every citizen in the development process and bring back those who have gone astray back in the mainstream, he further asserted.

The Lt Governor extended his special greetings and gratitude to the members of the military, paramilitary forces and Jammu and Kashmir Police who are working day and night in maintaining peace and guarding the borders.

TERMINATED

Muheet Ahmad Bhat, Scientist-D in Post-Graduate Department of Computer Science, University of Kashmir; Majid Hussain Qadri, Senior Assistant Professor, Department of Management Studies, University of Kashmir, Syed Abdul Mueed was Manager, IT, JKEDI and Assabah-ul-Arjamand Khan, a KAS officer was DPO, Publicity, Directorate of Rural Development, Kashmir.

An official statement said Bhat has been found involved in propagating secessionist-terrorist agenda in University of Kashmir by radicalizing the students for advancing the programme and agenda of Pakistan and its proxies.

It said Qadri, has a long association with terror organizations that includes Lashkar-e-Taiba. He had been earlier booked under Public Safety Act and is figuring in a number of FIRs registered u/s 302, 307, and 427, 7/27 RPC relating to various terror related cases.

Syed Salahuddin's son has been found having role in three terror attacks on JKEDI complex at Sempora in Pampore and his presence in the Institution has increased sympathy with the secessionist forces, it added.

Assabah-ul-Arjamand Khan has been found involved in providing false information for seeking passport. She has been found having links with foreign people who have been indexed by the Indian security and intelligence to be on the payrolls of the ISI. Her involvement in ferrying consignment of money for funding anti-India activities in Jammu and Kashmir has also been reported, the statement said.

Under the Article 311 provisions government employees can be dismissed when the President or the Lt Governor is satisfied that in the "interest of the security of the state it is not expedient to hold such an inquiry."

The only available remedy to terminated employees is to challenge the government's decision in the High Court. Peoples Conference President Sajad Lone registered his disagreement over the sacking.

"Every citizen of India has his or her own rights. A son cannot be held responsible for his father or wife for her husband or a father for his son. Sad - that kinship is used as a justification to sack people. This simply is not good. In all humility I register my disagreement," Lone said.

RURAL AREA

empowering the rural women entrepreneurs. The Mission is also providing national market to the local products. The launch of 75 home stays with OYO Hotels & Homes will prove to be a milestone in the pursuit of social equality, social justice and social security, he added.

The partnership with OYO and the launch of Tourist Village Network, in which Mission Youth has selected 75 such villages under both the Jammu, and Kashmir divisions, known for their unique landscape, cultural diversity and heritage value will go a long way in expanding the tourism ecosystem to rural areas of UT, he added.

It was informed that the affordable tariffs offered by the OYO home stays will cater to a better and immersive traveling experience. The Home stays have all the basic room amenities, great views, and provide an opportunity for travelers to experience beautiful rural landscapes and nature in its truest form.

Identified on the parameters of scenic beauty, landscape, cultural diversity and heritage, the 75 new home stays are

located at Udhampur, Poonch, Doda, Kathua and Kishtwar districts of Jammu and Anantnag, Baramulla, Bandipora and Srinagar districts of Kashmir valley.

Pertinently, Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihood Mission recently organized a workshop for home stay owners in Srinagar on August 1 and 2, 2022. A similar workshop is going to be held in Jammu on August 16 and 17, 2022 for home stay owners.

OYO has partnered with Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihood Mission (JKRLM) to offer end-to-end solutions that would transcend beyond just listing of home stays on its platform. It includes identification of the homes, their audit, transformation and civil work, transfer of technology, training of homestay owners, branding and marketing etc., it was informed.

COVID

results available, 473219 samples have tested positive and 25817343 samples have been tested as negative till date. Besides, 12,470 COVID tests have been conducted in last 24 hours.

Till date 6699951 persons have been enlisted for observation which included 131persons in home quarantine including facilities operated by government. 4579 in isolation and 327in home surveillance. Besides, 6690137 persons have completed their surveillance period.

Providing district-wise breakup for positive cases for today, the Bulletin informs that in Kashmir division, Srinagar reported 212 cases, Baramulla reported 110 cases, Budgam62 cases, Pulwama reported 16cases, Kupwara reported62 cases, Anantnag reported24 cases, Bandipora reported 16 cases, Ganderbal reported 14 cases, Kulgam reported 27cases while as Shopian reported 02 fresh cases for today.

Similarly in Jammu division, Jammu reported 42 cases, Udhampur 03, Rajouri 05, Doda 02, Kathua 03, Samba 01, Kishtwar 13, Poonch02, Ramban05 while as Reasi reported 01 fresh case for today.

ARMY CHEIF

72-ft-high tricolour was hoisted by the people of Keran along the LoC in the presence of Lt Gen Dwivedi and Lt Gen Aujlia, the spokesperson said.

On the occasion, a cultural program was also held that saw the participation of schoolchildren, he said.

The 'Rashtriya Salute' by the ceremonial guards of the Indian Army, the Border Security Force (BSF) and the Jammu and Kashmir Police was a befitting display of conjoined effort of security forces in Kashmir. Lt Gen Dwivedi appreciated the efforts of all those involved in the installation of the national flag, he added.

During the day, Lt Gen Dwivedi interacted with and felicitated five civilians at the Chinar Corps headquarters for efforts undertaken by them to promoting peace, happiness and empowerment initiatives.

Those felicitated are Mehraj Khurshid Malik from Srinagar, Arshid Rasool from Srinagar, Jameela Begum from Kupwara, Sahil Muzaffar from Sopore and Mir Mehak Farooq from Kulgam.

Later, Lt Gen Dwivedi also interacted with police and civil officials. He appreciated the steps being taken by all agencies for the maintenance of peace in Kashmir and ensuring its development, the spokesperson said.

RED FORT

fied patrolling and anti-sabotage checks. Hotels, guest houses, parking lots and restaurants are being checked and verification of tenants and servants is being carried out, the officials said.

The police had on July 22 issued an order prohibiting the flying of aerial objects such as paragliders, hang gliders and hot air balloons, and this will remain in force till August 16, they said.

National Handloom Day was celebrated at Leh, Ladakh.

DR.AB QAYOOM

Leh,Aug.13:National Handloom Day was celebrated and organized by NABARD at Shangrila Hotel Conference Hall Leh, Ladakh. The programme was jointly organized by Directorate of Industries and Commerce, SKUAST-Kashmir and NGO Tata Trust; in which different stakeholders, Director Planning, SKUAST-K, Dr. H.R. Naik, galaxy of male and female artisans and weavers, Managers, Programme Coordinator KVK Nyoma participated. Mr Laksh Singer, Skill Development Officer was the Chief Guest and Dr. Dil Mohammad Makhdoomi, Director Extension SKUAST-K was the Guest of Honor. During this programme different stake holder, handloom weavers, Bank Managers, KVK Nyoma Programme coordinator Dr. Jigmet Yangchan was present.

Mr Tsewang Dorje DDM Leh briefed the activities taken up under Skill Development under Handloom through NABARD in the Cold arid region. Beside that Director Extension SKUAST-K appreciated the NABARD team and also explained the importance and utility of Animal Wool especially Pashmina Goat, Yak, double humped camel, changthani sheep and pleaded for its quality improvement. He also request to NABARD to provide project to weavers so that they can do with the market by getting their handloom products branded, Geo tagged and getting presentable packaging to boost their business. Mr Laksha Singer also focused to recognize the Handloom work and support "NABARD" played an important role in this sector. In last NABARD felicitated all master weavers and trophies were presented to them to boost up their Skill in the field of Handlooms

“Har Ghar Tiranga” Campaign by Drugs and Food Control Organisation Doda

Amir Iqbal Khan



Bhadarwah,13:Drug and Food Control Organisation district Doda today organised “Har Ghar Tiranga” campaign. The employees & staff members of Drugs & Food Control Organisation District Doda participated in the Campaign of “Har Ghar Tiranga” under the aegis of “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav”to encourage the people to bring Tiranga Home & hoist it to mark this momentous occasion.

In this connection, the staff of the organisation hoisted the National Flag on the top of the Office Building at Durga Nagar Doda .The staff members headed by Taraq Ahmad Butt, Assistant Commissioner Food Safety District Doda expressed his commitment to encourage people to bring Tiranga home & hoist it to mark the 75th year of Indias Independence.“Our relationship with the flag has always been important & institutionally than personal. Bringing the Flag home collectively as a Nation on the 75th Independence thus, becomes symbolic of not only an act of personal connection to the Tiranga but also embodiment of our commitment to Nation building,” Assistant Commissioner said and added that the objective behind the initiative is to invoke the feeling of patriotism in the hearts of the People & to promote awareness about the National Flag of the Nation.

NEWS HEADLINES TODAY

TIRANGA MOTORCYCLE RALLY AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAVA (AKAM) & HAR GHAR TIRANGA (SPREADING AWARENESS ABOUT NATIONAL FLAG)

M S Nazki

SURANKOTE :As part of its social responsibility and to commemorate 75 “Years of Independence (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava) , Rashtriya Rifle Battalion of Counter Insurgency Force (ROMEO) organised Flag Hoisting function & a Bike Rally from ALG, Surankote to Berhavgala. The aim of the event was to create awareness among the locals from the remote comers about the significance of this Independence Day, to instill in them a sense of pride as Indian Citizens and to strengthen the goodwill of Indian Army. The event also aimed to spread awareness about the national flag & instilling a sense of belongingness with national symbols / signs. Event was celebrated in a friendly and blissful environment with patriotic fervour, which was attended by selected bike riders. A total of 76 riders attended the event .

Rashtriya Rifles Battalion conducted a lecture on ‘Role of Youth in Nation Building’

M S Nazki

Surankote :Rashtriya Rifles Battalion under the aegis om Headquarter Counter Insurgency Force (ROMEO) conducted a lecture on ‘Role of Youth in Nation Building’ on 13 Aug 2022 at Marhot . The lecture aimed to educate the youth about the role in the society to take decisions on their own for their personal as well as social benefits. They were addressed that it is beyond doubt that given the right opportunities and proper environment, youth have excelled in different spheres of life. Lecture also stressed on the need to create suitable conditions to facilitate and encourage the youth to have full, active and unhindered participation in social, economic, political and public life so that their potential is realised fully for the benefits of the society. Youth’s active participation in decision making has a positive impact on education, health, nutrition, employment and social protection. Positive role of youth has a multiplier effect not only on their own lives but also on the family and the society. The event was also utilised to impart awareness about the Tiranga flag and action required to be taken to give genesis to an informal relation with national symbol and not merely restricted to symbolic or institutional events. The event commenced with the flag hoisting as part of ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’ & ‘Har Ghar Tiranga’ campaign. The event was highly appreciated by the attendees and further enhanced the nation building image of Indian Army . A total of 74 youths & locals attended the event.

Army Organises Volunteer Blood Donation Camp At Dul Kishtwar

Amir Iqbal Khan



Bhadarwah, Aug 13:In continuation to the series of activities being organised in the run up to commemorate 75th year of Independence, the initiative under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mohatsav, Indian Army organised a “Volunteer Blood Donation Camp” in Dul, Kishtwar. State-of-the-art model blood bank at Kishtwar facilitated successful conduct of the camp. 17 Rashtriya Rifles (MARATHA LIGHT INFANTRY), in order to ensure adequate blood supply at the local Kishtwar Hospital, organised this Blood donation Camp.The assistance provided to the state medical authorities is believed to help them in a big way to deal with the shortage of blood and provide effective medical treatment to the emergency medical cases. A total of 15 blood donors from Army participated voluntarily and enthusiastically in the blood donation camp.

It is worthwhile that the Indian Army has been at the forefront of all Nation Building activities and this noble gesture of Indian Army was well appreciated by the civil administration and staff of District Hospital.

DAK urges people to donate organs on world organ donation day

Srinagar, Aug 13: On World Organ Donation Day, Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Saturday urged people in Kashmir valley to come forward for organ donation and save lives.

“There is a dire need to create awareness among the people about the importance of organ donation,” said DAK President Dr Nisar ul Hassan.

Dr Hassan said organ donation is one of the greatest medical gifts to humanity. It transforms death into life.

“Many lives can be saved through organ donation,” he said.

The DAK President said even though the success of living donor transplantation has saved many lives, cadaveric (deceased) organ donation has changed this scenario as each donor will give a new lease of life to 8 patients.

“Despite legal and religious support for organ donation, people in the valley are not responding, as a result of which precious lies are lost,” he said.

World organ donation day is observed every year on August 13 to sensitize people about the noble cause of organ donation so that more people volunteer for the same.

“Organ donation is the process when a person allows his/her organ to be removed and transplanted to another person, while the donor is alive or dead with the assent of the next of kin,” said Dr Nisar.

“Some organs and tissues can be donated by living donor such as a kidney or part of the liver, but most donations occur after the donor has died,” he said

“Common transplants include kidney, liver, heart, lung, pancreas, intestines, skin and cornea,” he added.

General Secretary DAK Dr Arshad Ali said Kashmir has only one transplant unit at SKIMS which is involved in live related kidney transplantation. Cadaveric transplantation is not being done as there are no donors.

“There are no other organ transplantation facilities in the valley,” he said.



Inauguration ceremony of Shopping Mall in Presence of Actor Prosenjit Chatterjee at Ghatal i n West Midnapore, Aug12, 2022. H.T. Photo SOURAV DUTTA

India’s UN vote based on own interests: Jaishankar

Bengaluru, Aug 13 (UNI) India’s interests made the country vote the way it did in the United Nations on the Russia-Ukraine conflict, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said on Saturday.

“I will be driven on this by my interest, my experience, my thinking and I will not allow other people’s mind games to take me off my course,” he said replying to a query on New Delhi’s decision to abstain from the UN in his interaction with the PES University students.

The decision was taken keeping in view India’s interests based on its strategic view of the world and other factors including its experiences with Russia. “We have taken a certain position in regard to this (Russia-Ukraine) conflict.

“Why did we take that position? It is not that we are oblivious to our interest. On the contrary, our interests required us to take that position because the fact is we have our own history; we have our own experiences with Russia.

“We have our strategic view of the world. What does a country A close to country B, mean to us. If we move to country C what does it mean to us? So strategic assessment and logic is ours,” he said.

“The experience and history are ours and the interests are ours. Ultimately I have to also calculate. What is the gain, what is the loss? What is the risk and benefit I would have? So it is the combination of those calculations - the metrics that is made out of that. That is what has led me to take a certain position. And that is what has led others to come up with the arguments to try and influence my position,” he added.

Replying to the other part of the question where the student asked about India’s stand if China invades Taiwan, Jaishankar said he really does not see any connection between the Russia-Ukraine war and the China-Taiwan tensions.

“The link is being established to influence India as though the country’s interests are endan-



gered in some form, he stated. “Our boundary issues with China started in the 1950s. So, if something has been going on for 70 years, and something happened five months ago, please tell how these two developments influence each other?” At the moment what is happening is natural, given the polarised global situation.

“Different countries and parties try to influence us to take positions. To do that they advance arguments which they hope will appeal to us. So, some way they will stretch it and try to bring it around us as though our interests are endangered in some form,” he said.

Replying to a query on a permanent seat for India in the UN Security Council, Jaishankar said the world was not generous but that does not mean the dream should not be chased.

Asked if the US recession will affect employment of graduates in India, the former IFS officer said: “The economic direction is not as clear and strong and negative as your question may suggest...The global economy in the short-term is going to be volatile. Whether this volatility will translate into recession, we will have to wait and see.”

Jaishankar reacts to B'desh stand on its One-China policy

Bengaluru, Aug 13 (UNI) On the One-China stand of Bangladesh, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said that the neighbouring country naturally will take decisions in their interests, but Bangladesh is a very valuable partner and India is deeply committed to fostering a relationship with it.

“Bangladesh is a sovereign country. They have their interests. They have their outlook. They will do (things) in their interest and according to their judgement. So, what I want to say is that our relations with Bangladesh are very special. They go back to the origin of Bangladesh ... For us Bangladesh is a very very valuable partner and we clearly are very deeply committed to fostering that relationship,” he said replying to a related query in an interaction with PES University students here on Friday.

Jaishankar lauded the Narendra Modi-led central government for improving relations with Bangladesh which had always been a problem in the past. For instance, the land boundary agreement with Bangladesh has brought India enormous benefits in terms of creating connectivity, he said.

“They (Bangladesh) have not always been as good as they are today. There have, in the past, been problems in our relationship with Bangladesh, but if we were to look at Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s 8 years of government and if somebody asks me to pick top five achievements or even top three achievements in foreign policy, I would say the land boundary agreement that we did with Bangladesh. This has brought us enormous benefit in terms of stabilizing the boundary tensions and creating connectivity,” he stated.



8 Firms In Race To Develop Monkeypox Vaccine In India: Sources

New Delhi: The Indian Council of Medical Research has got 31 bids from manufacturers that are interested in developing vaccine and detection kit in India for the monkeypox virus, people with direct knowledge of the matter said.

These manufacturers will develop the vaccine in a public-private partnership, or PPP, mode, they said.

Eight pharma firms have said they are interested in developing a monkeypox vaccine, while 23 have applied to manufactured virus detection kit, sources in the Indian Council of Medical Research, or ICMR, said.

India has till now reported 10 cases of monkeypox infection. The latest case was reported from Delhi, where the tally has reached five. The Delhi patient is a 22-year-old woman who, a month ago, had returned from Nigeria. The central government had released a host of guidelines to check the virus spread in India, including those at the entry points to the country. International passengers have been asked to avoid close contact with sick people, and dead or live wild animals. The first case of monkeypox in India was reported from Kerala’s Kollam district on July 14.

According to the World Health Organisation, monkeypox is a viral zoonosis - a virus transmitted to humans from animals - with symptoms similar to those seen in the past in smallpox patients, although it is clinically less severe. These manufacturers will develop the vaccine in a public-private partnership, or PPP, mode, sources said. The Indian Council of Medical Research has got 31 bids from manufacturers that are interested in developing vaccine and detection kit in India for the monkeypox virus, people with direct knowledge of the matter said.

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7 Die In Bihar’s Saran District After Allegedly Consuming Toxic Liquor

Saran, Bihar: At least seven people have died in the last three days allegedly after consuming illicit liquor in Saran district of Bihar which is a dry state, a senior police officer said on Saturday.

The incident occurred after 11 people died and several others fell ill after drinking toxic liquor in the same district last week.

“Seven people have so far died in Masudhi area since August 10. Villagers claim that the deceased consumed spurious liquor. The exact cause of death can only be ascertained after getting post-mortem examination reports,” Superintendent of Police Santosh Kumar said.

Sonia Gandhi Tests Positive For Covid, Two Months After Last Infection

New Delhi: Congress President Sonia Gandhi has tested positive for Covid-19 again, tweeted party MP and in-charge Communications Jairam Ramesh, adding that she was stable and would remain in isolation following all protocols.

“Congress President Smt.Sonia Gandhi has tested positive for Covid-19 today. She will remain in isolation as per government protocol,” he tweeted. “Congress President Smt. Sonia Gandhi has tested positive for Covid-19 today. We wish her speedy recovery and good health,” the Congress also tweeted from its official Twitter handle.

Mrs Gandhi had tested positive for the coronavirus in June as well and had sought.

Assad’s opponents rage against Turkish call for ‘reconciliation’ with Syria

BEIRUT: Thousands of people staged protests across parts of rebel-held northern Syria on Friday after the Turkish foreign minister called for reconciliation between Syrian opposition groups backed by Ankara and the government of Syrian President Bashar al Assad.

More than 11 years after civil war broke out in Syria, the north-western region, near the Turkish border, is the last area still in the hands of fighters seeking to topple Assad, with control divided between jihadist factions and other rebels backed by Turkey.

The Turkish government maintains thousands of troops in the area and backs a coalition of armed groups opposed to Assad under the banner of the Syrian National Army (SNA).

“We need to bring the opposition and regime together for reconciliation somehow, there will be no permanent peace otherwise,” Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu told reporters in Ankara on Thursday. After he spoke, protests began in parts of rebel-held Syria, with people carrying opposition flags



through the streets on Thursday evening and pulling Turkish flags from police stations and administration offices.

“We have suffered under this criminal for 11 years and we will continue with our revolution,” Mahmoud Salo, a 45-year-old teacher, said at a protest in Azaz, Idlib.

Around 3,000 people gathered in Azaz on Friday while protests were also held in other parts of the north-western Idlib province and in northern parts of neighbouring Aleppo province.

Many Turkish advisers who work at a number of local institutions did not show up for work on Friday.

PM Modi’s Mother Distributes National Flags Ahead of Independence Day

Ahmedabad: Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s mother Hiraba Modi, who entered the 100th year of her life in June this year, on Saturday distributed national flags to children at her residence on the outskirts of Gandhinagar city in Gujarat. Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel kicked off the three-day “Har Ghar Tiranga” campaign to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Independence by hoisting a huge tricolour on a 100-foot tall flag post at Children’s University in the state capital on Saturday.

Under this campaign, Hiraba Modi distributed national flags to children at her residence and waved the tricolour with them, a



government release said. She lives with the Prime Minister’s younger brother Pankaj Modi.

“Tiranga Yatra” was organised in different parts of Gujarat with BJP MLAs and ministers participating in rallies with people carrying the tricolour.

Earlier in the day, Gujarat BJP president CR

Paatil participated in a seven-km rally at Vijapur in the Mehsana district in the presence of senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders, MLAs and former MLAs. In Vadodara, BJP MP Ranjan Bhatt took out a “Tiranga Yatra” with local MLAs. Similar celebrations were witnessed in other cities and towns of Gujarat.

Novelist Salman Rushdie on ventilator after New York stabbing

British author Salman Rushdie, whose sacrilegious writings have made him the target of death threats, was stabbed in the neck and torso onstage at a lecture in New York state on Friday and airlifted to a hospital, police said. After hours of surgery, Rushdie was on a ventilator and unable to speak on Friday evening after an attack condemned by writers and politicians around the world as an assault on the freedom of expression.

“The news is not good,” Andrew Wylie, his book agent, wrote in an email. “Salman will likely lose one eye; the nerves in his arm were severed; and his liver was stabbed and damaged.” Rushdie, 75, was being introduced to give a talk to an audience of hundreds on artistic freedom at west-



ern New York’s Chautauqua Institution when a man rushed to the stage and lunged at the novelist, who has lived with a bounty on his head since the late 1980s. Stunned attendees helped wrest the man from Rushdie, who had fallen to the floor. A New York State Police trooper providing security at the event ar-

rested the attacker. Police identified the suspect as Hadi Matar, a 24-year-old man from Fairview, New Jersey, who bought a pass to the event.

“A man jumped up on the stage from I don’t know where and started what looked like beating him on the chest, repeated fist strokes into his chest and neck,” said Bradley Fisher, who was in the audience. “People were screaming and crying out and gasping.”

A doctor in the audience helped tend to Rushdie while emergency services arrived, police said. Henry Reese, the event’s moderator, suffered a minor head injury. Police said they were working with federal investigators to determine a motive. They did not describe the weapon used.

“Sincere Gratitude”: Taiwan Thanks US for Maintaining Security In Region

Taiwan’s foreign ministry expressed its “sincere gratitude” towards the United States for taking “concrete actions” to maintain security and peace in the Taiwan Strait and the region, it said in a statement on Saturday. U.S. Indo-Pacific coordinator Kurt Campbell said on Friday that China “overreacted” to U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s visit to Taiwan, which set off days of war games by Beijing around the island, which China views as its own territory.

Taiwan’s foreign ministry said in a statement on Saturday that China’s “unprovoked military and economy intimidation” had “further strengthened the unity and resilience of the global democratic camp.” Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen said on Thursday that China’s threat of force is undiminished, even though Beijing’s largest-ever military drills around the island, following Pelosi’s visit last week, seemed to be scaling down. At a rally on Saturday in southern Taiwan for local elections scheduled for late November, Tsai said they were not just

facing rival candidates, “but also pressure from China.” “Taiwanese are very enthu-

government and the military are prepared, and I will definitely take care of Taiwan.”

to Mao Zedong’s Communist Party, which established the People’s Republic of China in



siastic and love freedom and democracy, so many good international friends have come to Taiwan to support us. This is a normal and good thing, but China threatens and intimidates Taiwan,” she said.

“However, I would like to reassure everyone that both our

Taiwan’s government says that as the People’s Republic of China has never ruled the island, it has no right to claim it or decide its future, which can only be set by Taiwan’s people.

The defeated Republic of China government fled to Taiwan in 1949 after losing a civil war

Beijing. China has never renounced the use of force to bring democratically governed Taiwan under its control. (Reporting by Sarah Wu; Writing by David Kirton and Ben Blanchard; Editing by Tom Hogue, Michael Perry and William Mallard)

Chinese “Spy” Ship Cleared To Dock At Sri Lanka Port: Report

Colombo: Sri Lanka’s government granted permission on Saturday for a controversial Chinese research vessel to visit the island despite India’s concerns that it could spy on New Delhi’s military installations, news agency AFP reported, quoting officials.

The Yuan Wang 5 is described as a research and survey vessel by international shipping and analytics sites, but is said to be a dual-use spy ship.

New Delhi is suspicious of Beijing’s increasing presence in the Indian Ocean and influence in Sri Lanka, seeing both as being firmly within its sphere of influence. The Yuan Wang 5 was originally due to call at Sri Lanka’s Chinese-run Hambantota port on August 11, only for Colombo to ask Beijing to indefinitely defer the visit. But Sri Lanka’s harbour master, Nirmal P Silva, said he had received foreign ministry clearance for the ship to call at Hambantota

from August 16 to 22. “The diplomatic clearance was received by me today. We will work with the local agent appointed by the vessel to ensure logistics at the port,” Silva told AFP. Foreign ministry sources confirmed that Colombo had renewed permission for the visit, which had initially been granted on July 12, a day before former president Gotabaya Rajapaksa fled following months of protests over the country’s worst-ever economic crisis. Rajapaksa -- whose brother Mahinda borrowed heavily from China while president from 2005 to 2015 -- resigned after escaping to Singapore. Tens of thousands of protesters overran his palace and home in Colombo after accusing him of mismanagement in an economic crisis that has led to acute shortages of food, fuel and medicines.

Port officials said the Chinese vessel was about 1,000 kilometres (620 miles) south-east.

Super Smash Cricket Tournament Tarzova Edition-II “Javaid JD” Guides Panjipora Cricket Academy To Win Over Shining Star Amberpora By 6 Wickets

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Sopore,13th Aug.- In the Ongoing Super Smash Cricket tournament Panjipora Cricket Academy Beats Shining Star Amberpora at Shiekh-UL-Alam Stadium Tarzova Sopore. Batting first Shining Star Amberpora bundled-out for a paltry score of 109 runs in 16 overs.Manzoor Mir remains highest run-getter for Shining Star Amberpora with 39 runs off 26 balls. Rafi Leggy took 3 wickets while Javaid JD and Tan Shalla took 2 wickets each for Panjipora Cricket Academy. In reply Panjipora Cricket Academy chased the target of 110 runs in 15.2 overs for the loss of 4 wickets and won the match by 6 wickets.Javaid JD played a splendid Knock off 40 while Tan Shalla added 25 runs off 23 balls for Panjipora Cricket Academy. Javaid JD was declared Player of the match for his splendid all-round performances.The tournament is sponsored by SKIE Classes Parreypora / Rajbagh.Courses Offered NEET/JEE.

Ramban: 431 cases settled in National Lok Adalat

RAMBAN, AUGUST 13: The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Ramban under the Chairmanship of the Principal District and Sessions Judge, Haq Nawaz Zargar who is also the Chairman DLSA organized National Lok Adalat on directions of U.T of J&K Legal Services Authority today in district Ramban. In the said National Lok Adalat 855 cases of different nature were taken up and 431 cases were settled and settlement amount of Rs. 64,00,000 was awarded in MACT and labor Cases and Rs 71,590 was recovered as a compounding fine in other cases and Rs 16,87,143 were awarded in bank and other recovery cases. Six benches for settling the referred cases were constituted. 1st bench of the National Lok Adalat was presided over by the Principal District and Sessions Judge Ramban who was assisted by Additional District & Session Judge Fast Track Court Ramban, Surinder Singh 2nd bench of Lok Adalat was presided over by the CJM (Sub Judge) Ramban, Anjum Ara who was assisted by Secretary District Legal Services Authority Ramban Pooja Gupta and Arusa Choudhary Munsiff JMIC Ramban, 4th ,5th & 6th benches of Lok Adalat were constituted at Batote, Banihal and Ukhral. The bar members and litigants and other stakeholders cooperated in settling the cases in National Lok Adalat. The COVID-19 Guidelines were followed in the said Lok Adalat strictly.

Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav Massive plantation drive carried out across Rajouri Forest Division

RAJOURI, AUGUST 13: A massive tree plantation drive was undertaken in Kalakote to mark Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration and completion of 75 years of independence. Saplings of different species were planted in large numbers by forest department staff, local villagers and school children in presence Vivek Verma Conservator West circle; Anita Thakur DDC member Kalakote; Babu Khan BDC Chairman Kalakote; Vijay Suri Municipal Committee Chairman Kalakote and PRI members . On the occasion, locals appreciated the efforts made by the forest department to plant peepal and bargad saplings at prominent places as well as distribution of plants free of cost among local villagers under Har Gaon Haryali scheme for making tree plantation a mass public movement. The Conservator West circle, while stressing the need for protection of forests and environment, explained the cultural importance of Peepal and Bargad which are known for habitat improvement as well as oxygen generation capacity. Ornamental plants were also distributed at Government High School Potha in presence of Principal and teachers along with the plantation carried out in school premises to generate environmental awareness among the children. The programme was organised by Arshdeep Singh Divisional Forest Officer Rajouri, He thanked the participants for their wholehearted participation in the plantation programme.

Director Horticulture inspects Govt Fruit Plant Nursery Vijaypur



JAMMU, AUGUST 13: Director Horticulture Jammu, Ram Savak today visited Government Fruit Plant Nursery, Vijaypur of district Samba and inspected the ongoing works in the nursery.

He was accompanied by Joint Director Horticulture Jammu, C. L. Sharma; OSD, Ashwani Sharma; DHO, Rajesh Pangotra, besides DHO Samba, Hamid Ahmed, HDOs and other staff members of Samba district were also present during the visit.

The Director took stock of the ongoing developmental activities and gave on spot instructions to the concerned officer and nursery staff regarding the production of quantity and quality of grafted planting material in the nursery. He instructed them to achieve the targets set for production of fruit plants well in time to provide quality plants to the farming community for establishment of orchards.

Later, he inspected the block of imported Date Palm established in the nursery for trial purpose during the year 2021 and directed to prepare a Detailed Project Report for the establishment of new mother blocks of exotic fruit crops in the nursery.

The Director impressed upon all the officers and officials to put in their best efforts to disseminate awareness about Modified Ultra High Density Plantation Scheme, Micro-Irrigation Technologies, Protected Cultivation Techniques, Organic Farming, Mechanization etc., and maintain a close liaison with the growers/orchardists to enable them to enhance their fruit production and income by adopting latest technologies in their farms.

Tourism Directorate Jammu organises Tiranga Bicycle Rally, Rafting in Reasi

REASI, AUGUST 13: The Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, on the directions of Director Tourism, Vivekananda Rai, on Saturday organised a Bicycle Rally from Bhingarh Fort to Syiad Baba Reasi and Rafting at Baradari, Reasi as a part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign.

A group of 30 cyclists was flagged off by Babila Rakwal, Deputy Commissioner, Reasi, in presence of Sunaina Sharma, Joint Director Tourism Jammu; Abdul Jabbar, DDT (Publicity & Adventure) and Ambika Bali, Assistant Director Tourism Katra. The cyclists started from the Bhingarh Fort with the loud chants of "Jai Hind," "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and Tricolor flying high. After passing different areas the Rally culminated at Syiad Baba-an important offbeat

destination in Reasi District. The route of the bicycle rally passed through the Rafting site at Baradari and the mighty Chenab flowing, beside the beautiful surrounding peaks and hillocks. Speaking on the occasion, Babila Rakwal, Deputy Commissioner Reasi, emphasized the need to organize similar adventure



activities in all the off-beat destinations of Reasi District. She congratulated the tourism department for successfully conducting Paragliding, Ziplining trials at Dhanwa near Pouni and also at Mokhri which is approximately 5 kms from Katra Town.

The Directorate of Tourism Jammu also organized a Rafting event, which was also flagged off by Babila Rakwal, Deputy Commissioner, Reasi.

The Rafts moved in the gushing water of Chenab with Tricolour flying. The whole area was decorated with tricolours giving a patriotic view of the area.

The motive behind organising these events was to imbibe the spirit of nationalism among the youth and also to promote adventure tourism in the offbeat tourist destinations of Baradari of Jammu region and Reasi in particular. Addressing the media, the Deputy Commissioner, Reasi congratulated the Tourism Department for organising the events at Reasi. "The motive of organizing these events is to promote Adventure Tourism in Reasi."

National Lok Adalat held across Doda; 6 benches settle 450 cases

DODA, AUGUST 13: In pursuance to the national calendar and under directions of J and K Legal Services Authority, a National Lok Adalat was organized in district Doda by the District Legal Services Authority Bhaderwah under the supervision and guidance of Chairman DLSA, Bhaderwah, Virinder Singh Bhau and Secretary DLSA, Bhaderwah, Mudasar Farooq. The National Lok Adalat was inaugurated by the Chairman DLSA, Bhaderwah and Secretary DLSA, Bhaderwah.

In his inaugural speech, the Chairman informed the litigants about the benefits of National Lok Adalat and settling of disputes through conciliation. The gathering was also addressed by the Secretary DLSA Bhaderwah and emphasized the need and importance of National Lok Adalats for amicable settlement of disputes between the parties. Six Benches constituted by Virinder Singh Bhau, Pr. District and Sessions



Judge/Chairman District Legal Services Authority, across the district took up Criminal Compoundable cases, Matrimonial and cases, Maintenance, Cheque Bounce, Civil, Recovery, labour, PUS Matters, MACT-Litigation and Pre-Litigation cases and other cases. The benches were constituted in the court complexes of Bhaderwah,

Doda, Munsiff court Thathri and Munsiff court Gandoh.

A total of 1047 cases were taken up out of which 450 cases of different nature mentioned supra were settled by amicably in presence of parties. The total amount of Rs. 17464274 has been settled in bank recovery, money recovery & MACT Cases with the efforts of the presiding officers of courts, Bar members of the respective courts and representatives of banks and insurance companies. A fine of Rs. 217350 was also recovered. Judicial officers, members of Bar, revenue officers, bank managers of various banks, representatives of various insurance companies, officers of PHE, PDD, Municipality, Fisheries, parties of the cases and people at large participated in the said national Lok Adalat through Virtual means as well as physically on need basis after observing all Covid SOPs and following the guidelines of High Court of J and K.

Har Ghar Tiranga: Series of Activities carried out in Kathua



KATHUA, AUGUST 13: As Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign kick starts across the country, the Kathua district witnessed overwhelming response of citizens as Flag Hoisting, Tiranga rallies, Prabhat Peries were organised on the first day of the three day campaign across the district.

In remote tehsil Bani, a massive Tiranga Rally was organised wherein over two thousand students and ninety staff members took part. The school students, holding National Flag in their hands amid chanting of 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' passed through main bazaars of the tehsil headquarters. A sensitization cum Flag Distribution Ceremony was held under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner, States Taxes, Kathua Ranjit Singh where he gave away National Flag to the staff members to hoist at their homes and become part of Har Ghar Tiranga campaign. The DC and staff members also distributed Flags among incoming passengers at Lakhampur entry point. People were also briefed about the Flag Code so that they can maintain the sanctity of the National Flag at all times. In border tehsil Marheen, a massive Tiranga Car & Bike Rally was organised which was flagged off by Tehsildar, Lekh Raj. A large number of inhabitants of the border village Mukandpur Choudhrian and peripheral Panchayats participated in the Rally.

The Tiranga rally touched Marheen and Hiranagar tehsil and culminated back at Mukundpur Chaudhrian. At Billawar, NYK Kathua organised a Parbhat Feri at Dhar Mahanpur which witnessed active participation of students drawn from different schools. Amid singing Patriotic songs, the procession passed through different parts of the block headquarters to spread the message of hoisting the National Flag from 13-15 August under Har Ghar Tiranga campaign. Likewise, Government Departments and Educational Institutions also hoisted the tricolour and distributed National Flags in offices and schools. A sensitization cum Flag Distribution Ceremony was held under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner, States Taxes, Kathua Ranjit Singh where he gave away National Flag to the staff members to hoist at their homes and become part of Har Ghar Tiranga campaign. The DC and staff members also distributed Flags among incoming passengers at Lakhampur entry point. People were also briefed about the Flag Code so that they can maintain the sanctity of the National Flag at all times. In border tehsil Marheen, a massive Tiranga Car & Bike Rally was organised which was flagged off by Tehsildar, Lekh Raj. A large number of inhabitants of the border village Mukandpur Choudhrian and peripheral

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